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YUNA IS ANGRY WITH RIENO AFTER EAVESDROPPING ON HIS DECISION TO SEND HER AWAY FROM HIS CASTLE... BUT THAT DOESN'T STOP HER FROM RECEIVING HIS "DREAMY" KISS. NOW KNOWN AS QUEEN YUNA, SHE AWAKENS AT ELYSIAN AND IS INTRODUCED TO HER THREE GUARDIAN KNIGHTS. WHAT YUNA DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT THE THREE GUARDIAN KNIGHTS ARE PART OF A PLOT DEVISED BY PHANTASMA'S ELDERS. TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, RIENO HAS ACCEPTED PRINCESS LIBERA'S REQUEST TO BECOME HER KNIGHT! CAN A JEALOUS YUNA WIN OVER RIENO, OR IS IT A CASE OF UNREQUITED LOVE?

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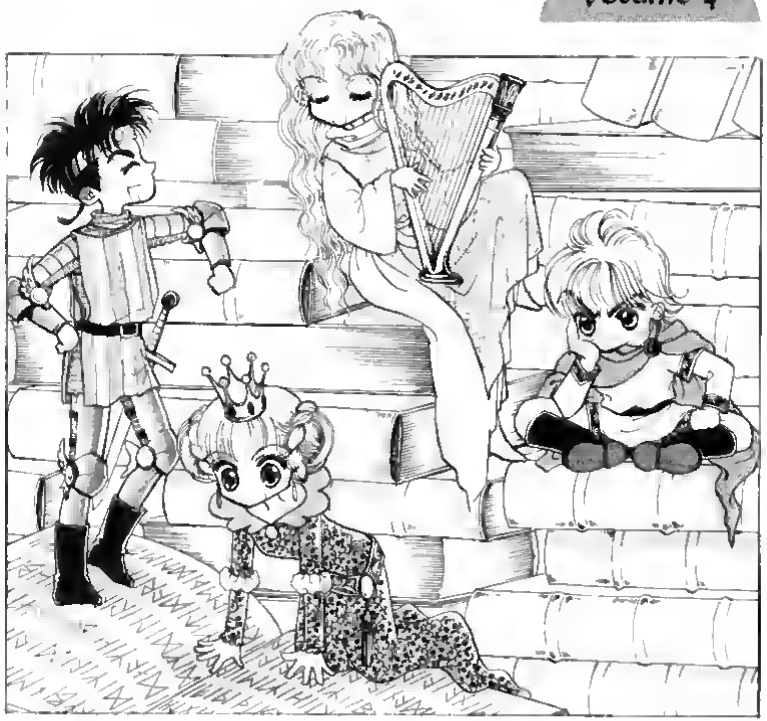

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# The Story Thus Far

Yuna is a normal girl who visits her mother in Germany and befalls a terrible disaster. After she returns home from her accident, she begins to have strange dreams. In her dream, a knight who calls himself "Rieno" tells Yuna that she is his Queen and that he is her knight.

Meanwhile, in the real world, the new semester at school finds Yuna being bullied by her fellow classmates. Now that Kahyun, the love of her life, is in the same grade as Yuna after flunking last year, their relationship begins to change, thanks to Mari, the instigator of Yuna's bullies. Yuna goes through major emotional stress from all the drama at school, as well as the constant dreams of Rina. She decides she wants to see her mother.

Yuna's three brothers want to help their little sister so they send her off to see their mother in Germany. And thus, once again, Yuna arrives at Neuschwanstein Castle where she meets the knight from her dreams who then kidnaps her and takes her to Phantasma.

Phantasma is a world covered entirely with snow and Yuna is forced to live with only Rieno until the arrival of spring. Just when Yuna was getting used to living with Rieno, Spring slowly begins to arrive in Phantasma, and Yuna is taken to Elysian to be properly installed as the Queen of Phantasma.

Yuna meets many people of Phantasma: the Queen's Guardian Knights, Ehren, Leon and Schiller, the administrative head of Phantasma, the hateful Chancellor Kent, and the Queen's rival, Princess Libera from the real royal family of Phantasma.

LIBERA.
LIBERA.
WHAT ARE YOU SO HAPPY ABOUT?
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BRING YOU SUCH JOY ON THE DAY OF THE NEW QUEEN'S CORONATION...?
HAVE YOU NO DECENCY OR PITY FOR YOUR SISTERS?

SISTERS, HOW COULD I NOT BE HAPPY? RIENO HAS AGREED...
...TO FIGHT IN THE TOURNAMENT FOR ME AND NOT THE QUEEN.
HO HO HO! I WISH YOU COULD HAVE SEEN HER FACE AT THAT MOMENT. SHE WAS BRIGHT RED!
WHAT?!
IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, THEN HE PROBABLY AGREED TO DO SO ONLY FOR HIS OWN AMUSEMENT.
RIENO IS NOT A MAN WHO WOULD READILY AGREE TO BE SOMEONE'S KNIGHT.
I KNOW. HOWEVER, SISTERS, KNOW THIS.
I AM NOT LIKE YOU TWO...

MY GOAL, LIKE YOU TWO, IS THE CROWN! BUT THAT IS NOT ALL!
WORK WITH ME AND LEND ME YOUR WISDOM. AND I PROMISE BOTH OF YOU MANY JOYOUS EVENTS...

ON THAT DAY, THE WEATHER WAS MAGNIFICENT. THE WARM SPRING SUN WAS BLINDINGLY BRIGHT.
IT WAS TWO DAYS AFTER THE CORONATION AND THE TOURNAMENT WAS SET UP IN AN OPEN FIELD NEAR THE PALACE.
IN HONOR OF MY CORONATION, A TOURNAMENT WAS BEING HELD, AND I HAD HEARD THAT MANY WELL-KNOWN SWORDSMEN HAD GATHERED.

SINCE YOU AND I ARE THE REPRESENTATIVES FOR OUR HAMLET, THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WE'RE GOING TO WIN!
DON'T WORRY! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME...
I'LL BE THE LAST KNIGHT STANDING, AND BECOME THE KNIGHT OF THE CORONET!
I WOULDN'T BOAST IF I WERE YOU! ALL THE KNIGHTS THAT ADVANCE TO THE FINAL SELECTION WILL HAVE TO CLEAN UP THE BLACK FOREST!
I DOUBT YOU'LL BE BOASTING THEN!
BLACK FOREST? WHAT'S THAT...?

YOU FOOL, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE BLACK FOREST IS?
IT'S THE NAME OF THE FOREST WHERE ALL CREATURES OF DARKNESS HIDE WHEN SPRING ARRIVES!
THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS TOURNAMENT IS FIGHTING THE CREATURES IN THE BLACK FOREST!!
WOW! HOW EXCITING! TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT AGAINST THOSE EVIL APPARITIONS...
IDIOT! DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR LIFE WILL BE ON THE LINE!
HUH?

EXCUSE..
No, excuse me...
THAT GUY...

HE HAS TREMENDOUS PRESENCE!
LEON
HEY, LEON, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
GET AWAY FROM ME!
LEON I WANT TO HELP YOU!!
I'LL GO GET YOU A SADDLE, CLEAN YOUR LANCE AND...
ELDER, PLEASE GET HER OFF OF ME. I BEG YOU.
ELDER, IS IT REALLY TRUE THAT LEON IS THE CHILD OF PROPHECY?

I SUGGEST YOU WATCH YOUR MOUTH!
IT'S TRUE THAT THE PROPHECY HAD A MINOR ROLE IN US CHOOSING LEON AS ONE OF THE QUEEN'S GUARDIAN KNIGHTS.
GO AWAY! I DON'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR YOU...
HOWEVER, WHAT FRIGHTENS US MORE IS THAT HE SHOULD LEARN OF THE PROPHECY!
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List of people to overthrow:
1) Rieno
2) Ehren
3) A skillful knight
4) A skilled knight
11) Schiller
HE'S THE TYPE OF GUY WHO'D INADVERTENTLY RUIN HIS OWN CHANCES IF HE KNEW THE ENTIRE TRUTH.
HMM, IT LOOKS LIKE MY GREATEST RIVAL IS GOING TO BE RIENO...!

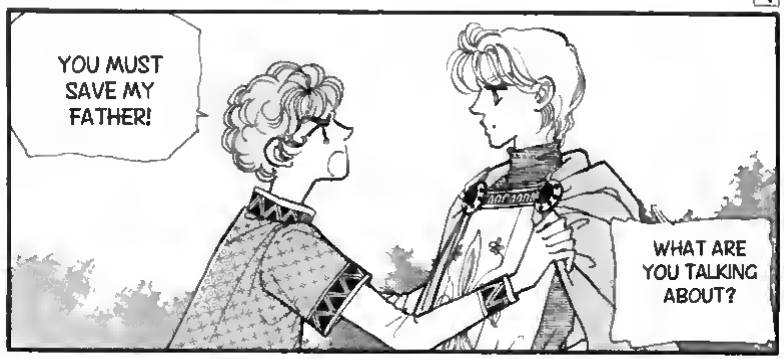
HI-YA!
ANYWAY, THE FACT THAT HE WAS BORN TO BECOME THE QUEEN'S CONSORT MUST BE KEPT A SECRET FROM HIM.

EHREN!
EHREN! SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED!

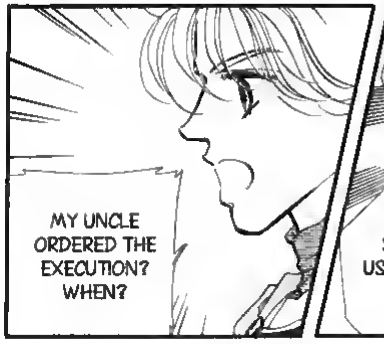

EHREN...
RIENHARDT!



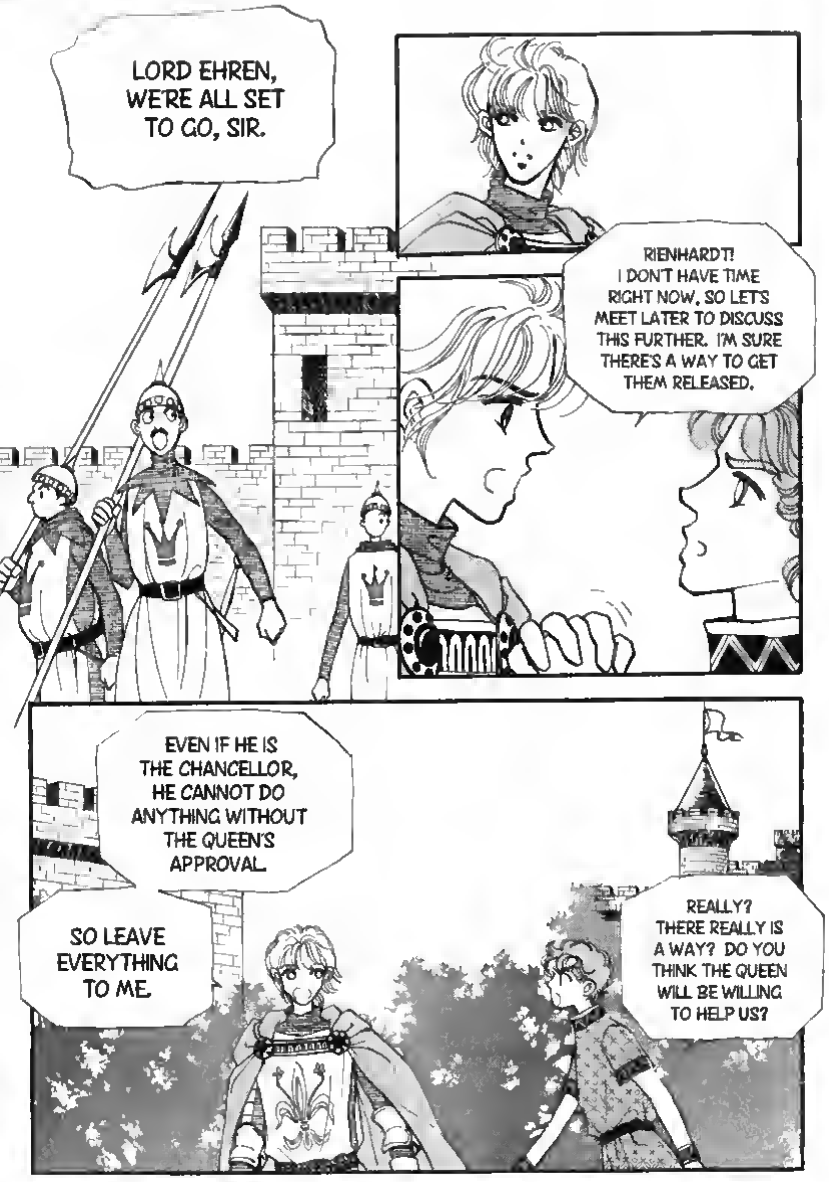



YOU MUST SAVE MY FATHER!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THEY SAY THAT THEY'RE GOING TO EXECUTE MY FATHER ALONG WITH THE FOUR MEN WHO WERE IMPRISONED AFTER OPPOSING CHANCELLOR KENT...


MY UNCLE ORDERED THE EXECUTION? WHEN?

PLEASE HELP US, EHREN! MY FATHER WAS IMPRISONED BECAUSE HE INSISTEDTHAT YOU SHOULD BECOME THE CHANCELLOR!
SO, PLEASE HELP US. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN!!


LORD EHREN, WE'RE ALL SET TO GO, SIR.
RIENHARDT! I DON'T HAVE TIME RIGHT NOW, SO LET'S MEET LATER TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER. I'M SURE THERE'S A WAY TO GET THEM RELEASED.
EVEN IF HE IS THE CHANCELLOR, HE CANNOT DO ANYTHING WITHOUT THE QUEEN'S APPROVAL.
SO LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME.
REALLY? THERE REALLY IS A WAY? DO YOU THINK THE QUEEN WILL BE WILLING TO HELP US?

I HAVE TO GO TO THE TOURNAMENT. I'M ESCORTING THE QUEEN DURING THE PARADE.
SO I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
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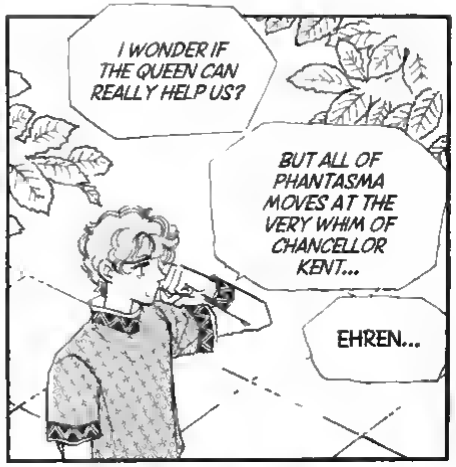
I WONDER IF THE QUEEN CAN REALLY HELP US?
BUT ALL OF PHANTASMA MOVES AT THE VERY WHIM OF CHANCELLOR KENT...
EHREN...

CHANCELLOR KENT IS THE ONE WHO CONTROLS PHANTASMA?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

AND WHAT IS IT THAT NEEDS MY ASSISTANCE?
THIS...PERSON IS...
UM...NOTHING, YOUR HIGHNESS. PLEASE DISREGARD WHAT I SAID... I BEG YOU...
STOP RIGHT THERE.
WHATEVER IT IS, EXPLAIN IT TO ME CLEARLY! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN HELP YOU.
EEK!

YOUR MAJESTY, THEN I BEG OF YOU, PLEASE SAVE MY FATHER.
I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT HE WILL BE EXECUTED AS SOON AS THE TOURNAMENT IS OVER.
WHERE IS YOUR FATHER RIGHT NOW...?
HE IS IN THE DUNGEONS.
HE HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG AND HAS BEEN WRONGFULLY IMPRISONED!
HOW TERRIBLE...
FOR SUPPORTING EHREN AND NOT FOLLOWING CHANCELLOR KENT'S WISHES...

SUPPORTING EHREN? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
AS FOR KENT, HE'S EHREN'S UNCLE AND HE IS ALSO THE CHANCELLOR...
PLEASE GET UP. IF IT'S TRUE THAT YOUR FATHER WAS WRONGFULLY IMPRISONED...
...I WILL DEFINITELY RELEASE HIM. I GIVE YOU MY WORD AS THE QUEEN.
REALLY, YOUR MAJESTY?
YOU REALLY ARE GOING TO HELP US?
IT'S JUST LIKE EHREN SAID. HE SAID THAT YOU'D BE ABLE TO HELP...
DON'T WORRY. WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR FATHER...?

HIS NAME IS GUNNER... GUNNER, THE KNIGHT OF JUSTICE..
I WON'T FORGET.
AH...I'M NOT SURE OF WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT I FEEL COMPLETE SOMEHOW!
I'VE FINALLY FOUND SOMETHING THAT I CAN ACCOMPLISH AS A QUEEN...
I DIDN'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF CHANCELLOR KENT FROM THE BEGINNING, AND NOW I KNOW THAT HE HAS A TERRIBLE HEART AS WELL.
KENT HOLDING A FLOWER...
YOUR MAJESTY...
YOUR MAJESTY...
I MUST GET GOING.
YOUR MAJESTY, I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS ACT OF CHARITY UNTIL THE DAY I DIE...

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT...?
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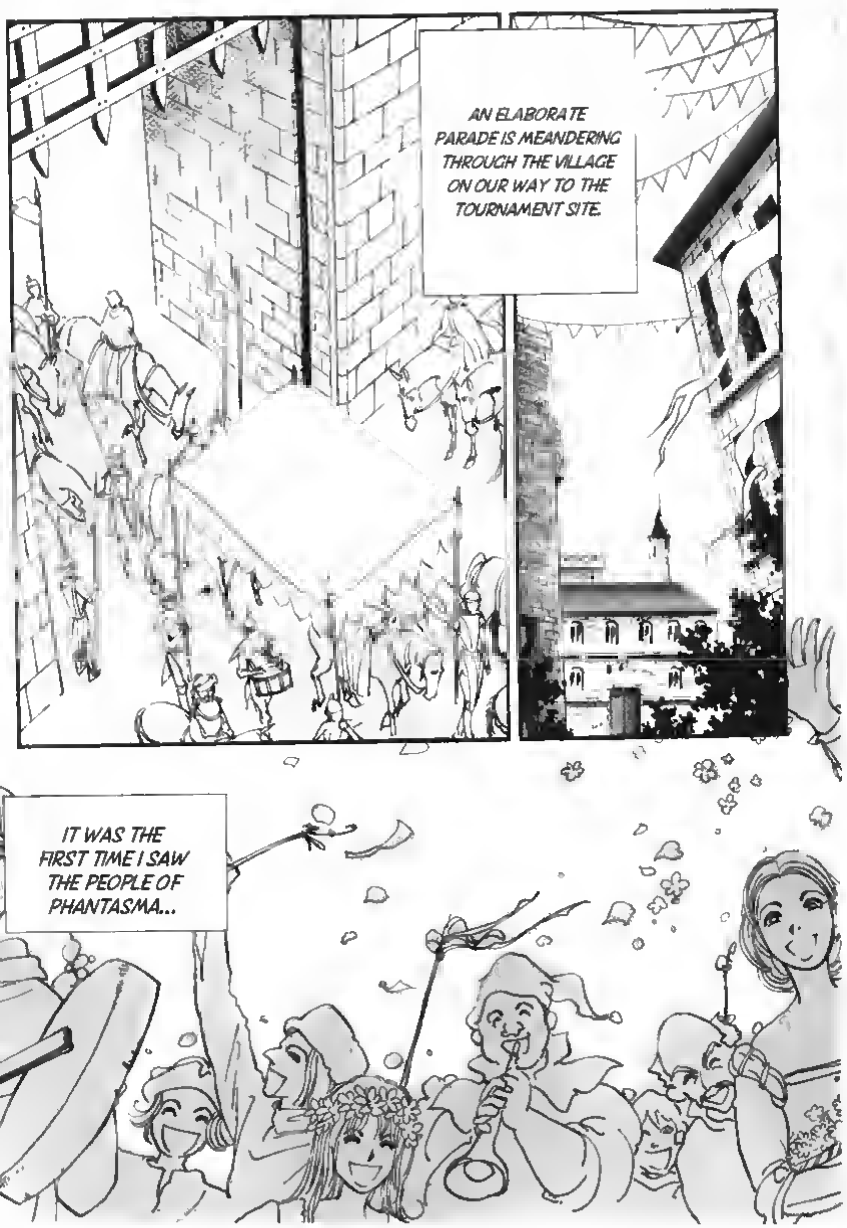
THE QUEEN HAS ARRIVED. WE WILL DEPART IMMEDIATELY.
THE PEOPLE ARE WAITING, YOUR MAJESTY...
WH-WHAT...?
I...I HAVE TO RIDE SIDESADDLE?
OOPS...
ALL THIS FUSS JUST FOR ME?! THIS ISN'T TOO BAD...
NO NEED TO WORRY, YOUR MAJESTY.
NOW I REALLY FEEL LIKE I'VE BECOME THE QUEEN...
I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU SO JUST KEEP A TIGHT HOLD ON THE REINS.
OKAY...

BY THE WAY, EHREN, DO YOU KNOW A MAN BY THE NAME OF GUNNER?
I HEARD THAT YOUR UNCLE KENT PLACED HIM IN PRISON.
WHO DID YOU HEAR THAT FROM?
YOU KNEW ABOUT IT?
IF HE WAS WRONGFULLY IMPRISONED, I WANT HIM RELEASED!
IF WHAT YOU SAY IS SINCERE, DON'T STAMP ANY DOCUMENT THAT THE CHANCELLOR PUTS BEFORE YOU!
AT LEAST NOT UNTIL I TELL YOU TO DO SO!

THAT'S ALL I NEED TO DO? REFRAIN FROM STAMPING ANY DOCUMENT?
YES, YOUR MAJESTY.
THE QUEEN'S STAMP IS REQUIRED TO EXECUTE A NOBLEMAN.
YOUR MAJESTY, ISN'T THE WEATHER JUST BEAUTIFUL?
BUTTING IN
EHREN, WE'VE GOT HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF YOU. AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FURST FAMILY, WE EXPECT YOU TO DO YOUR BEST!
FINE!



IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW THE STREETS OF PHANTASMA AND SUCH TREMENDOUS JUBILATION.
ONLY THE QUEEN SHOULD RECEIVE SUCH JUBILATION, BUT INSTEAD...
...IT WAS IN FACT FOR PRINCESS LIBERA!
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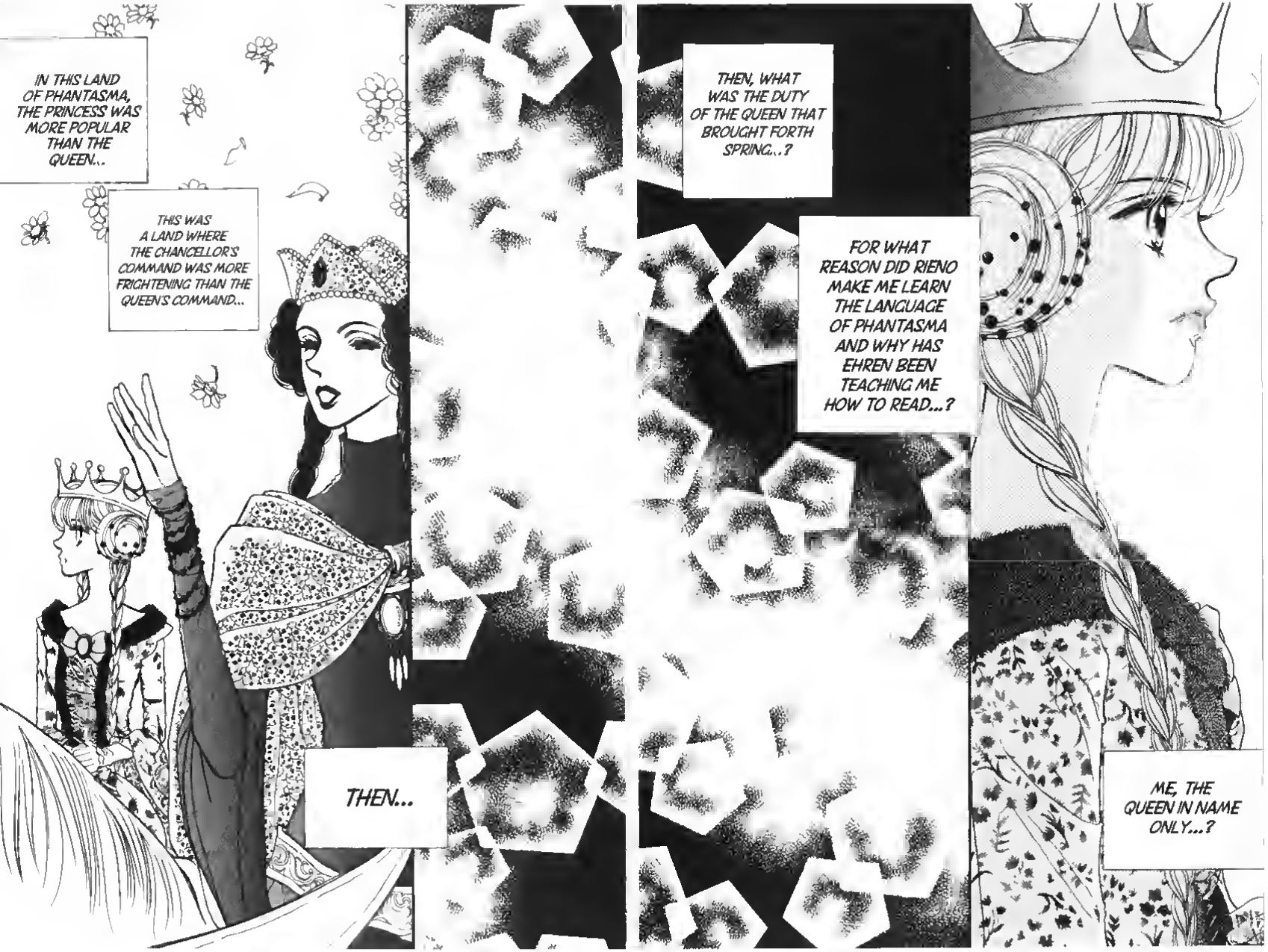
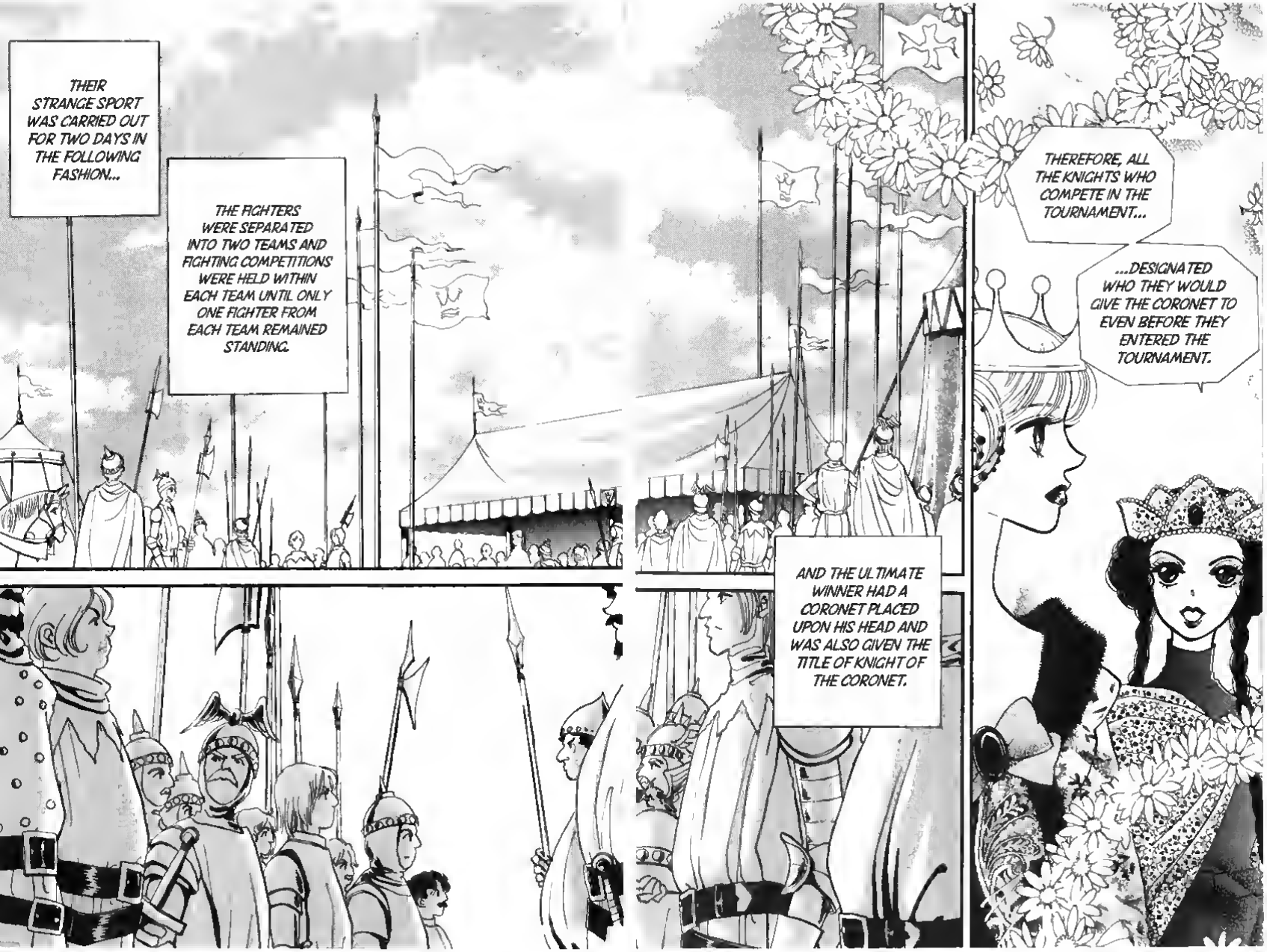

IN THIS LAND OF PHANTASMA, THE PRINCESS WAS MORE POPULAR THAN THE QUEEN...
THIS WAS A LAND WHERE THE CHANCELLOR'S COMMAND WAS MORE FRIGHTENING THAN THE QUEEN'S COMMAND...
THEN...
THEN, WHAT WAS THE DUTY OF THE QUEEN THAT BROUGHT FORTH SPRING...?
FOR WHAT REASON DID RIENO MAKE ME LEARN THE LANGUAGE OF PHANTASMA AND WHY HAS EHREN BEEN TEACHING ME HOW TO READ...?
ME, THE QUEEN IN NAME ONLY...?


THEIR STRANGE SPORT WAS CARRIED OUT FOR TWO DAYS IN THE FOLLOWING FASHION...
THE FIGHTERS WERE SEPARATED INTO TWO TEAMS AND FIGHTING COMPETITIONS WERE HELD WITHIN EACH TEAM UNTIL ONLY ONE FIGHTER FROM EACH TEAM REMAINED STANDING.
AND THE ULTIMATE WINNER HAD A CORONET PLACED UPON HIS HEAD AND WAS ALSO GIVEN THE TITLE OF KNIGHT OF THE CORONET.
THEREFORE, ALL THE KNIGHTS WHO COMPETE IN THE TOURNAMENT...
...DESIGNATED WHO THEY WOULD GIVE THE CORONET TO EVEN BEFORE THEY ENTERED THE TOURNAMENT.

ALTHOUGH RIENO ENTERED THIS COMPETITION ON MY BEHALF, IF HE SHOULD BECOME THE WINNER AND THE KNIGHT OF THE CORONET...
...WILL THAT CORONET GO TO ME? OR WILL IT GO TO YOU, YOUR MAJESTY?
WHAT DO YOU THINK CHANCELLOR KENT?
AND ALL OF YOU, WHAT DO YOU ALL THINK...?
IF RIENO SHOULD WIN, WHOM WILL HE GIVE THE CORONET TO?

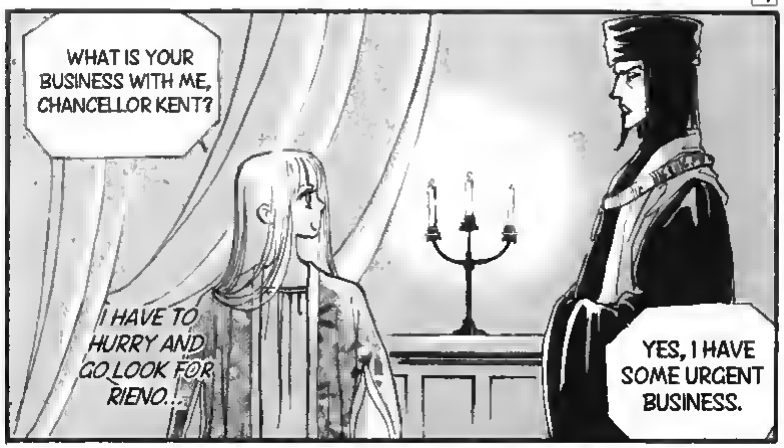
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT, THE TWO TEAMS BEGAN THEIR ELIMINATION PROCESS!
ALL MY HOPES REST AMONG THE THREE GUARDIAN KNIGHTS.
WAS THERE AT LEAST ONE AMONG THE THREE WHO HAD THE ABILITY TO BEAT RIENO?
IF IT COULD BE ALL THREE AGAINST HIM, IT WOULD BE ANOTHER STORY BUT...
WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHALL WE PLACE A WAGER? YOUR HIGHNESS!
...I CAN'T EVEN BEAR THE FACT THAT RIENO IS FIGHTING FOR LIBERA.

I DON'T WANT THE CORONET GOING TO LIBERA EITHER!
IF RIENO SHOULD GIVE THE CORONET TO THE QUEEN...
...I WOULD NEVER DEMAND THAT RIENO SERVE AS MY KNIGHT AND...
...AFTER THE TOURNAMENT IS OVER, I WILL ENTER THE BLACK FOREST WITH THE KNIGHTS.
BLACK FOREST...?

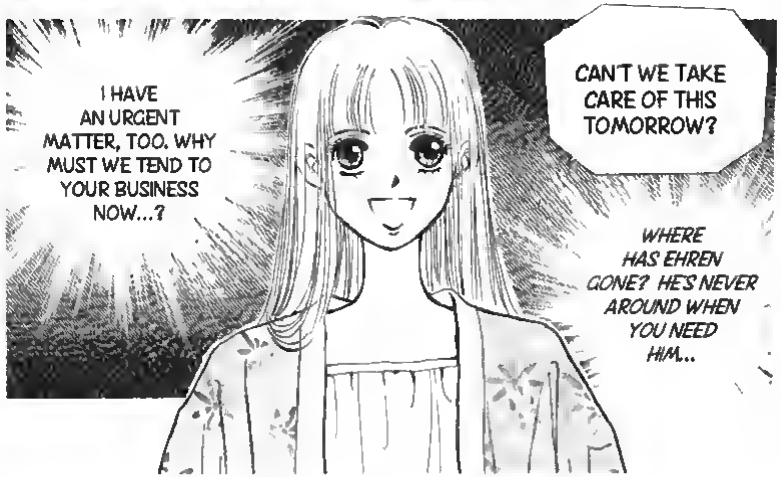
PRINCESS LIBERA, YOU'RE GOING TO ENTER THE BLACK FOREST?
EVEN MIGHTY FIGHTERS FEAR THAT PLACE.
THAT IS NOT A PLACE THAT A PERSON SUCH AS YOURSELF SHOULD APPROACH.
AND IF THE CORONET SHOULD GO TO YOU, PRINCESS LIBERA?
GIVE ME RIENO AS MY KNIGHT, AT LEAST UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST THANKSGIVING AND THE NEXT TOURNAMENT.
WHAT DO YOU SAY, YOUR MAJESTY?! WILL YOU ACCEPT THE WAGER?

FINE! I AGREE TO YOUR WAGER, PRINCESS LIBERA!
ANYWAY, IF I CAN'T GET AROUND THIS GIRL, I'LL JUST HAVE TO MEET HER HEAD-ON!
AND IF RIENO SHOULD GIVE ME THE CORONET, I WILL FORGIVE HIM. HOWEVER...
...IF HE FAILS TO DO SO, THAT WILL BE THE END OF THINGS BETWEEN US!!
OH MY. HOO HOO HOO! THIS IS SO EXCITING. I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

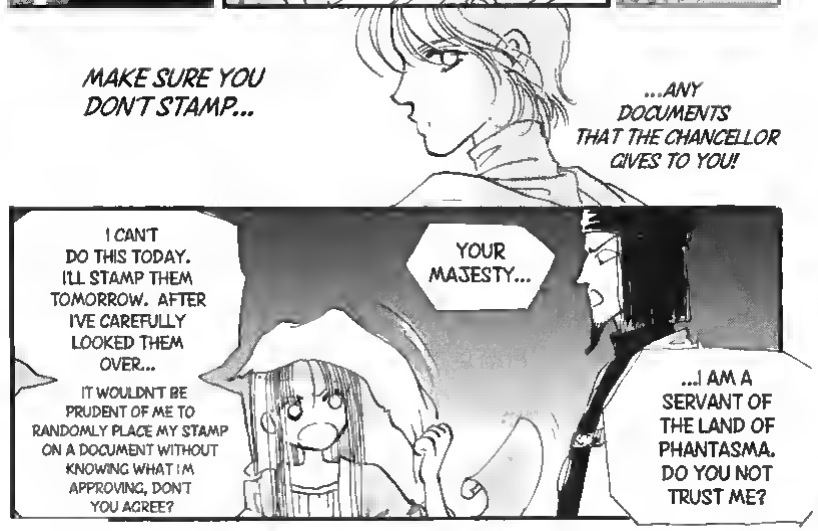
BY EVENING, MOST OF THE KNIGHTS WERE ELIMINATED.
AND THE THREE GUARDIAN KNIGHTS APPEARED TO HAVE SAFELY ADVANCED TO THE NEXT LEVEL!
AND AS FOR ME..
CHANCELLOR KENT HAS ARRIVED.
WHAT? WHY NOW...?
THIS MUST HAVE BEEN A TIRING DAY FOR YOU. I HOPE I WASN'T DISTURBING YOUR REST.


WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS WITH ME, CHANCELLOR KENT?
I HAVE TO HURRY AND GO LOOK FOR RIENO...
YES, I HAVE SOME URGENT BUSINESS.

AS A DILIGENT SERVANT OF THIS LAND, I HAVE A MOUNTAIN OF DUTIES I MUST PERFORM AS THE CHANCELLOR...
...THUS, I AM VISITING YOUR MAJESTY AT THIS LATE HOUR.

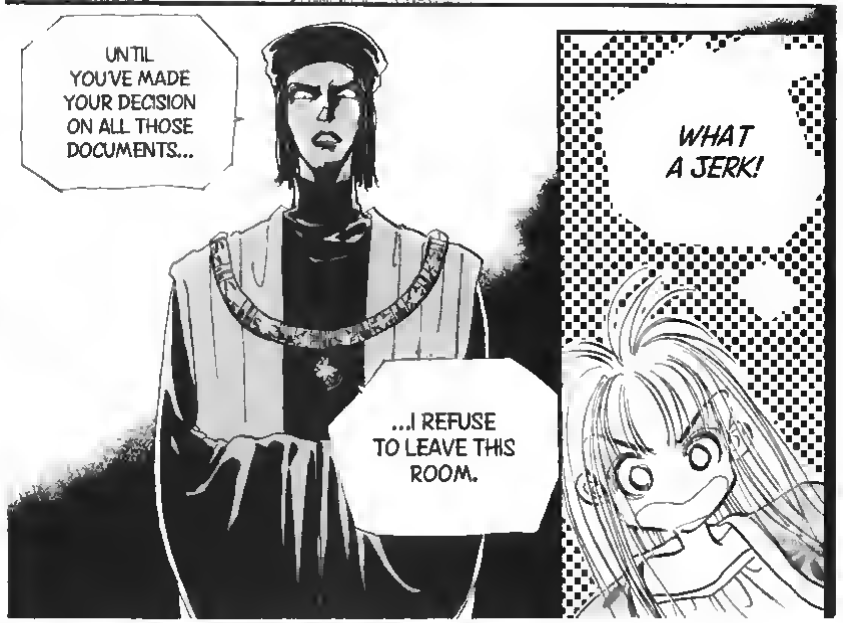

I HAVE AN URGENT MATTER, TOO. WHY MUST WE TEND TO YOUR BUSINESS NOW...?
CAN'T WE TAKE CARE OF THIS TOMORROW?
WHERE HAS EHREN GONE? HE'S NEVER AROUND WHEN YOU NEED HIM...

NO, IT CANNOT WAIT! ABSOLUTELY NOT!
ALL THESE DOCUMENTS NEED YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND MUST BE APPROVED BY THIS EVENING.
ALL OF THESE...?


MAKE SURE YOU DON'T STAMP...
...ANY DOCUMENTS THAT THE CHANCELLOR GIVES TO YOU!
I CAN'T DO THIS TODAY. I'LL STAMP THEM TOMORROW. AFTER I'VE CAREFULLY LOOKED THEM OVER...
IT WOULDN'T BE PRUDENT OF ME TO RANDOMLY PLACE MY STAMP ON A DOCUMENT WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT I'M APPROVING, DON'T YOU AGREE?
YOUR MAJESTY...
...I AM A SERVANT OF THE LAND OF PHANTASMA. DO YOU NOT TRUST ME?

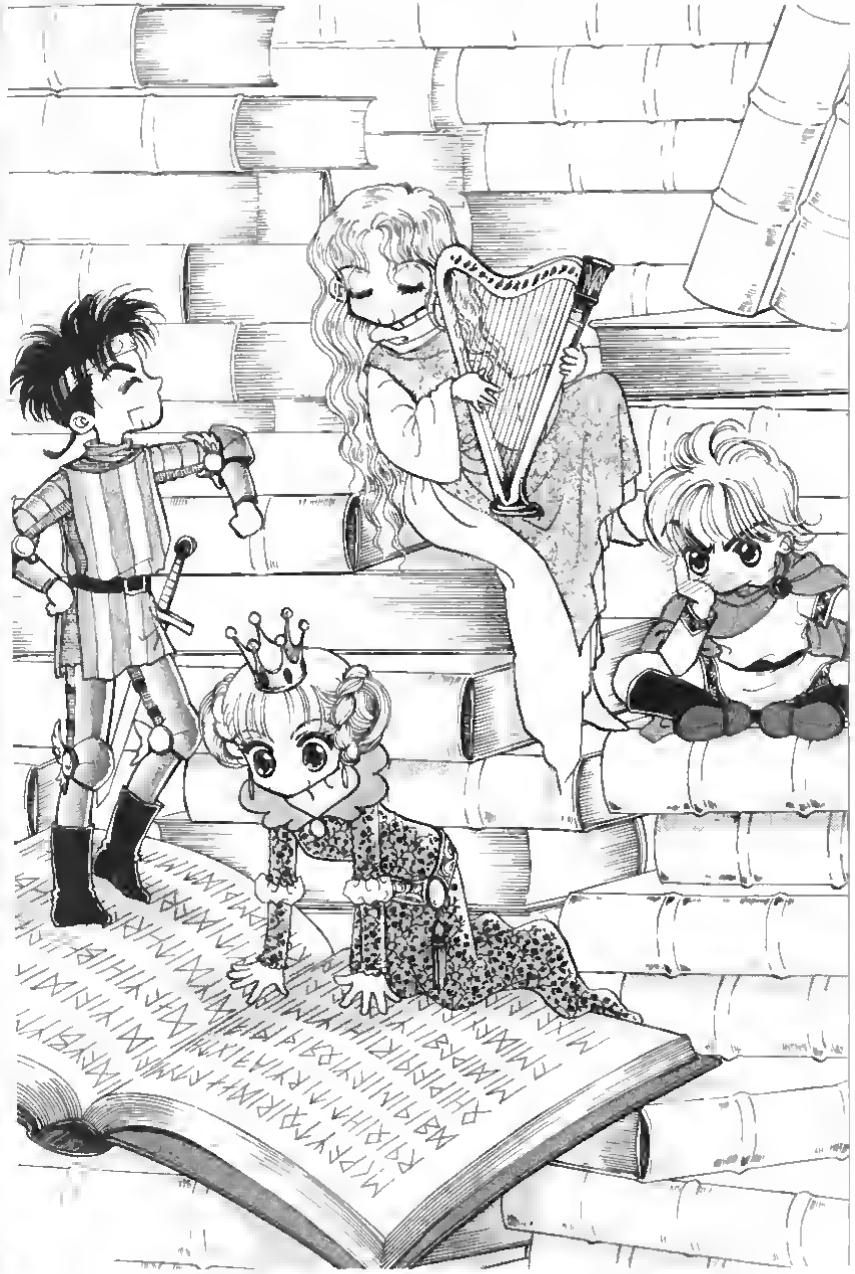
THIS EVENING, DID YOU EVEN GIVE A THOUGHT TO ALL THE CLERKS WHO SPENT HOURS UPON HOURS DRAWING UP THESE DOCUMENTS FOR YOU TO SIGN TODAY?
OR TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF PHANTASMA WHO EARNESTLY AWAIT YOUR APPROVAL OF THESE DOCUMENTS?

BUT...
...WHAT SHOULD I DO? I WANTED TO MEET RIENO SO I COULD TELL HIM ABOUT THE CORONET.


UNTIL YOU'VE MADE YOUR DECISION ON ALL THOSE DOCUMENTS...
...I REFUSE TO LEAVE THIS ROOM.
WHAT A JERK!

TH-THIS IS...?
THERE ARE LOTS OF WORDS I DON'T UNDERSTAND!!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FIGURE OUT THEIR MEANING AND APPROVE THEM?

WHERE'S MY UNCLE?
HE IS WITH THE QUEEN, LORD EHREN.



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I WAS TOO CARELESS. THAT UNCLE OF MINE...
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YOUR MAJESTY!
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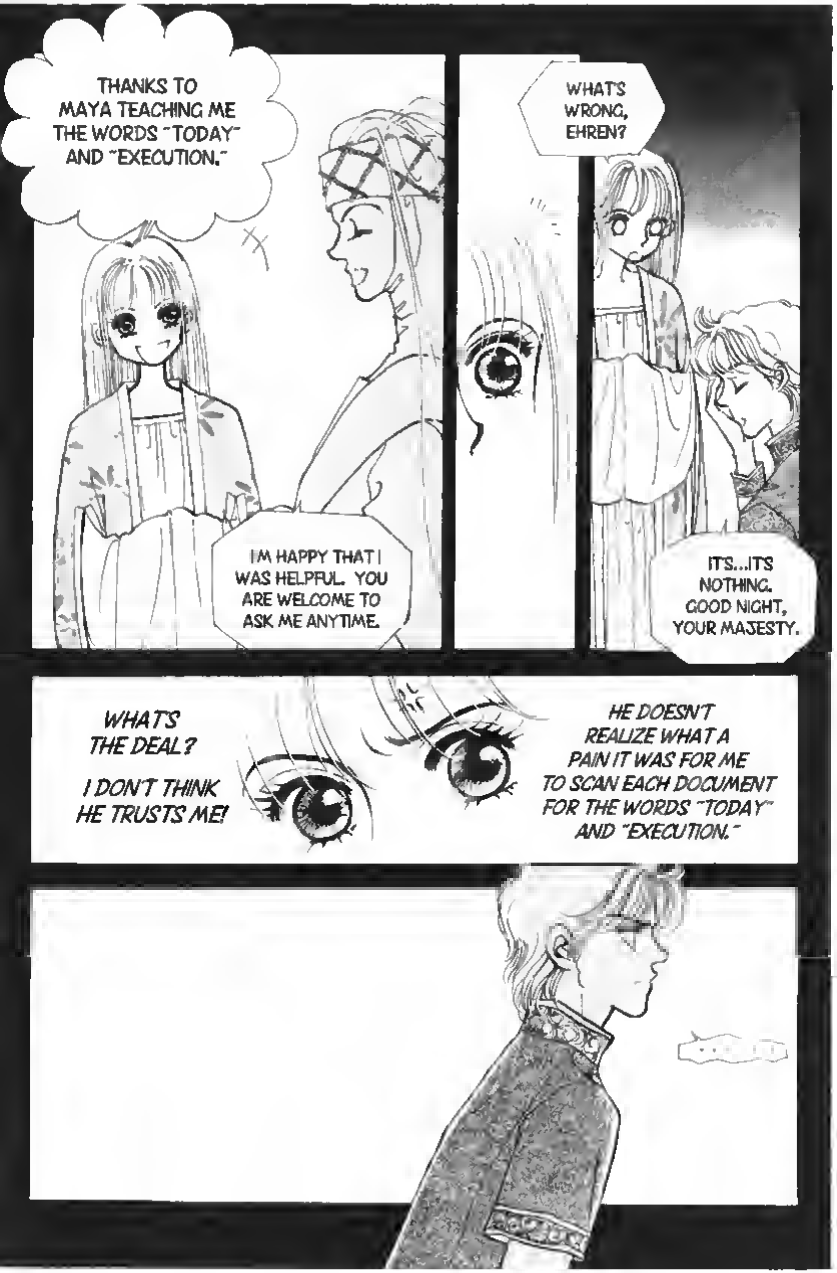
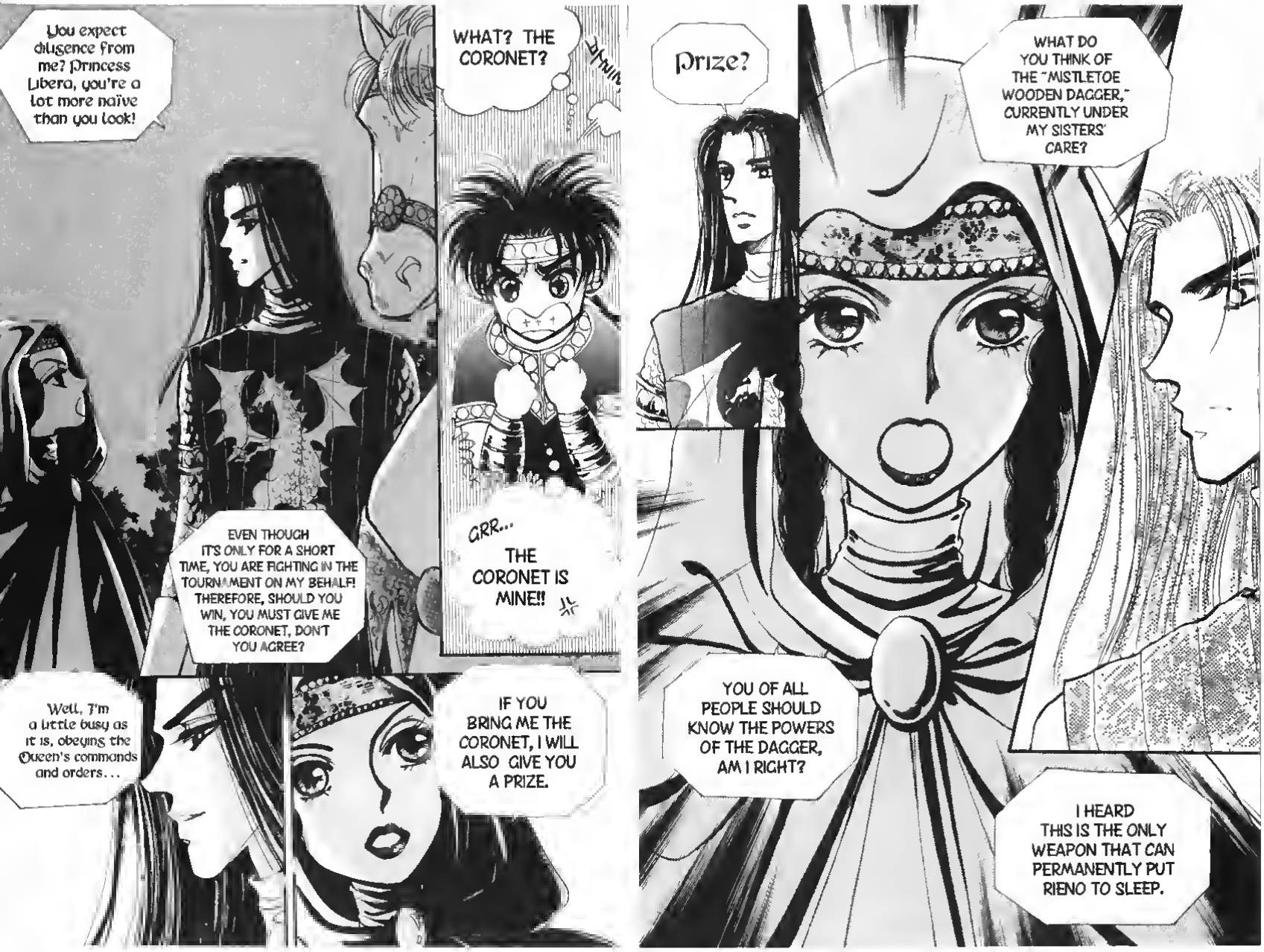
OH, DEAR...
OH...
...EHREN.
HAVE A PLEASANT NIGHT'S SLEEP, YOUR MAJESTY. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.
ALL RIGHT. I'LL DO THE REST TOMORROW.
EHREN, ISN'T IT QUITE LATE IN THE EVENING FOR YOU TO BE REQUESTING AN AUDIENCE WITH THE QUEEN?

I BELIEVE THAT APPLIES TO YOU AS WELL, UNCLE.
AS ONE OF THE QUEEN'S GUARDIAN KNIGHTS, I HAVE EVERY RIGHT AND AUTHORITY TO VISIT THE QUEEN AT ANY HOUR, DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
HOO HOO HOO...! OH, THAT'S RIGHT, I WAS JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE THE QUEEN EXPRESSED THAT SHE WAS GETTING TIRED.
HAVE A PLEASANT NIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TOMORROW'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS, AS WELL AS THE DESTINATION OF THE CORONET.
GASP! I COMPLETELY FORGOT. THE CORONET!!
UM, YOUR MAJESTY...

HUH?
PLEASE TELL ME THAT YOU DIDN'T JUST STAMP ALL THOSE DOCUMENTS THAT THE CHANCELLOR WAS CARRYING OUT, DID YOU?
OH! THOSE...
DON'T WORRY. I ONLY STAMPED URGENT DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE PEOPLE OF PHANTASMA AND TAXES.
ANYTHING THAT HAD TO DO WITH PUNISHMENT, I PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW!
IT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU BUT I CAREFULLY LOOKED OVER EVERY DOCUMENT...

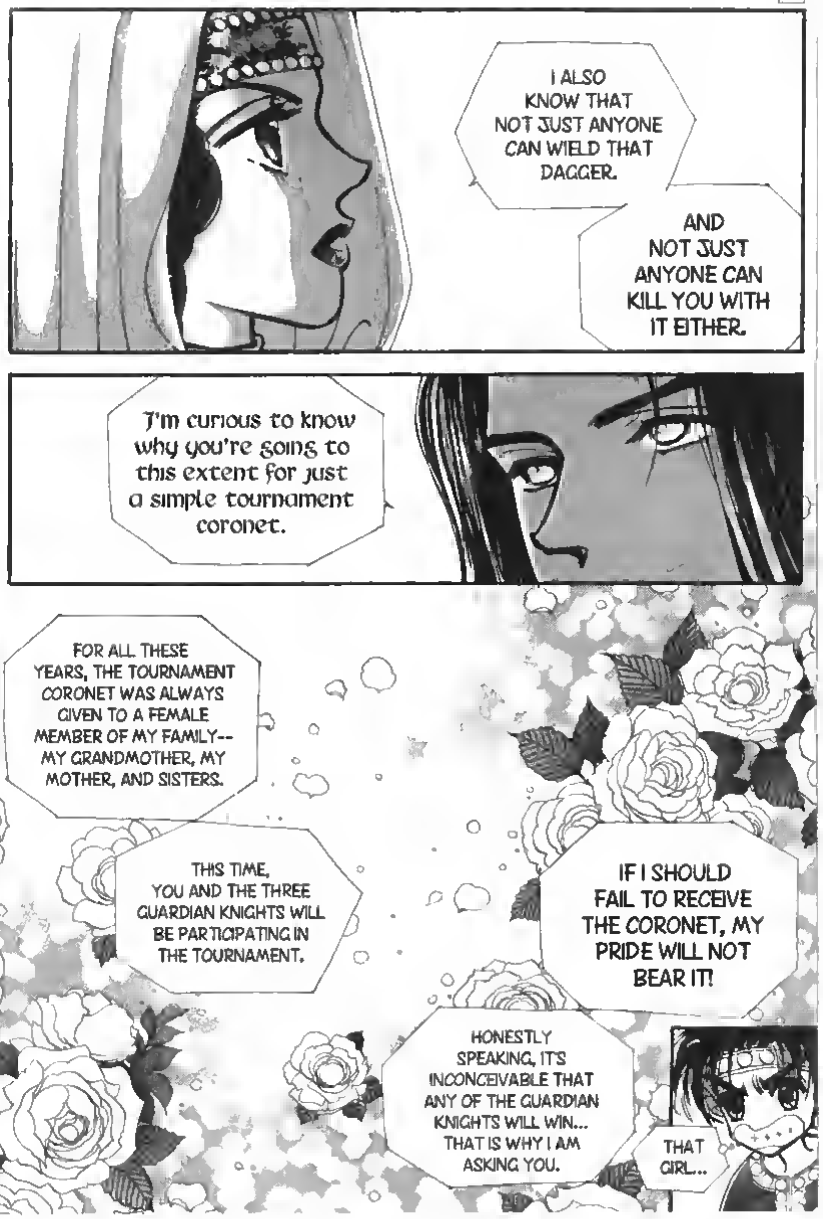

THANKS TO MAYA TEACHING ME THE WORDS "TODAY" AND "EXECUTION."
I'M HAPPY THAT I WAS HELPFUL. YOU ARE WELCOME TO ASK ME ANYTIME.
WHAT'S WRONG, EHREN?
IT'S...IT'S NOTHING. GOOD NIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY.
WHAT'S THE DEAL?
I DON'T THINK HE TRUSTS ME!
HE DOESN'T REALIZE WHAT A PAIN IT WAS FOR ME TO SCAN EACH DOCUMENT FOR THE WORDS "TODAY" AND "EXECUTION."

AHH...
OH, MOON...
WHATEVER HAPPENS AT WHATEVER COST! THE CORONET IS MINE.
HUH?
WHO IS THAT? I'M TRYING TO
I WANT TO KNOW HOW DILIGENTLY
MY BEHALF.
HUH?
Diligently?


You expect diligence from me? Princess Libera, you're a lot more naïve than you look!
WHAT? THE CORONET?
Ahuh
GRR... THE CORONET IS MINE!!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME, YOU ARE FIGHTING IN THE TOURNAMENT ON MY BEHALF! THEREFORE, SHOULD YOU WIN, YOU MUST GIVE ME THE CORONET, DON'T YOU AGREE?
Well, I'm a little busy as it is, obeying the Queen's commands and orders...
IF YOU BRING ME THE CORONET, I WILL ALSO GIVE YOU A PRIZE.
Prize?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE "MISTLETOE WOODEN DAGGER," CURRENTLY UNDER MY SISTERS' CARE?
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THE POWERS OF THE DAGGER, AM I RIGHT?
I HEARD THIS IS THE ONLY WEAPON THAT CAN PERMANENTLY PUT RIENO TO SLEEP.

NOT ALL THE SWORDS OR POISON IN THE WORLD CAN DO WHAT ONE SIMPLE DAGGER CAN DO.
MISTLETOE WOODEN DAGGER?!
MY SISTERS HAVE TOLD ME THAT THE DAGGER IS MADE FROM THE BRANCHES OF THE MISTLETOE.
AND THAT THOSE BRANCHES HAD BEEN TAINTED WITH THE BLOOD OF PHANTASMA'S QUEEN, THE ONE WHO BROUGHT FORTH THE ETERNAL WINTER...
IT'S KNOWN AS THE MISTLETOE WOODEN DAGGER!



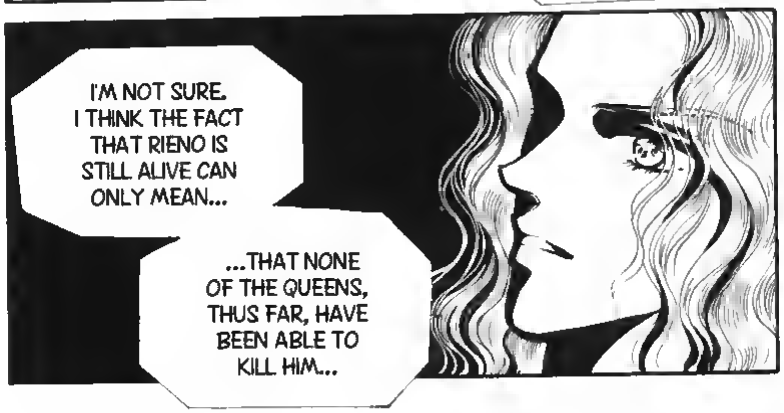

I ALSO KNOW THAT NOT JUST ANYONE CAN WIELD THAT DAGGER.
AND NOT JUST ANYONE CAN KILL YOU WITH IT EITHER.
I'm curious to know why you're going to this extent for just a simple tournament coronet.
FOR ALL THESE YEARS, THE TOURNAMENT CORONET WAS ALWAYS GIVEN TO A FEMALE MEMBER OF MY FAMILY-- MY GRANDMOTHER, MY MOTHER, AND SISTERS.
THIS TIME, YOU AND THE THREE GUARDIAN KNIGHTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT.
IF I SHOULD FAIL TO RECEIVE THE CORONET, MY PRIDE WILL NOT BEAR IT!
HONESTLY SPEAKING, IT'S INCONCEIVABLE THAT ANY OF THE GUARDIAN KNIGHTS WILL WIN... THAT IS WHY I AM ASKING YOU.
THAT GIRL...

FOR ME, THE CORONET IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE MERE "DAGGER" THAT MY SISTERS CHERISH.
Well, Princess!
It's quite late! It must have been quite a feat for you to come looking for me in a place like this.
I'm not very interested in that dagger nor in who becomes the owner of the coronet.
WHAT?
IF YOU IGNORE MY OFFER, I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET IT!
IF YOU WANT THE QUEEN TO HAVE A PLEASANT LIFE IN THE PALACE, THEN DON'T MAKE ME ANGRY!
I am your knight. I will take you back to the palace now.
KYA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
KYA! KYAAA! LET GO OF ME! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
Shh! Please lower your voice, if you don't wish to be seen in this manner...
Be quiet...before everyone comes out of their tents.
Ha ha ha!

OH DEAR, PRINCESS...
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, PRINCESS?!
.....
WH-WHAT? THAT GIRL...
...WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS, THREATENING THE QUEEN'S WELL-BEING...?
EHREN...?
HE WENT TO THE PALACE A WHILE AGO. HE SAID HE HAD SOMETHING URGENT TO ATTEND TO.
YOU'RE SO CLUMSY, GETTING YOURSELF HURT IN THE ELIMINATION ROUND.
.....
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! HELP ME TIE THIS BANDAGE!
SCHILLER, HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE MISTLETOE WOODEN DAGGER?
YES!

IT'S THE BEST WEAPON FOR EXTERMINATING THE CREATURES OF DARKNESS!
I HEARD THAT YOU CAN KILL RIENO WITH THAT DAGGER.
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT?
IF ONLY WE COULD GET OUR HANDS ON IT...
BUT THE MISTLETOE DOESN'T GROW IN PHANTASMA IN THE SPRING, SO...
THERE'S A WEAPON SO POWERFUL THAT IT CAN ELIMINATE THE CREATURES OF DARKNESS *AND* KILL RIENO?
HEY, WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT?
I JUST OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION BETWEEN RIENO AND THAT LIBERA OR PRINCESS OR WHATEVER YOU CALL THAT GIRL.
PRINCESS LIBERA AND RIENO...?
OUCH! TIE IT GENTLY...
HUH? WHY WERE THOSE TWO HAVING A MEETING THIS LATE AT NIGHT...?
STOP YOUR USELESS JABBERING AND TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW! TELL ME EVERYTHING!
OWW!
MY GRANDFATHER TOLD ME THAT THERE IS A SPECIAL MISTLETOE WOODEN DAGGER THAT HAS THE CURSE OF THE QUEEN...
APPARENTLY RIENO CAN BE KILLED WITH THAT DAGGER. AT LEAST THE QUEEN CAN, WITH HER OWN TWO HANDS...

IF RIENO DIES...
...THEN WILL PHANTASMA'S CURSE BE RELEASED SO WE CAN HAVE ETERNAL SPRING AGAIN?

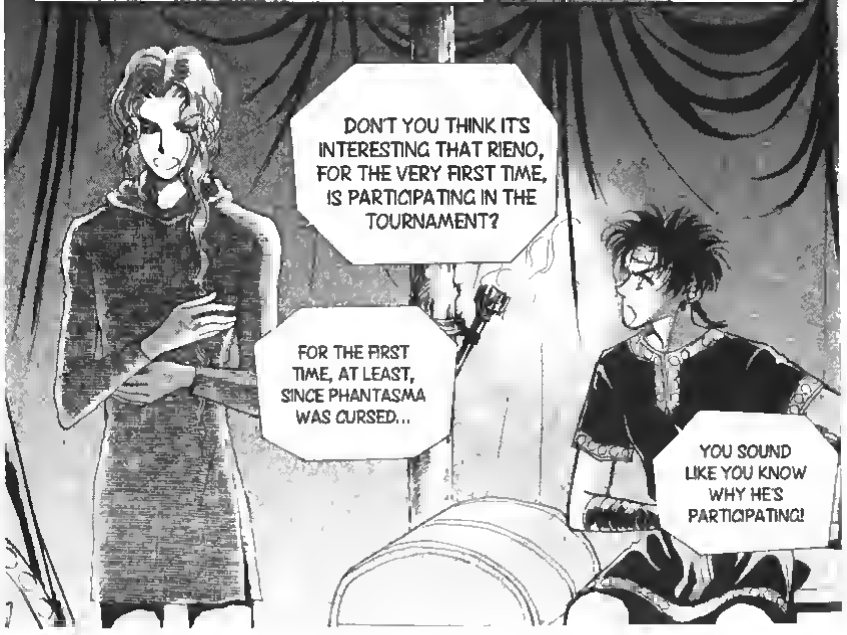

I'M NOT SURE. I THINK THE FACT THAT RIENO IS STILL ALIVE CAN ONLY MEAN...
...THAT NONE OF THE QUEENS, THUS FAR, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KILL HIM...

BUT DON'T YOU KNOW THAT PHANTASMA'S SPRING IS POWERED BY THE QUEEN'S HAPPINESS AND LOVE?
HMM... THUS FAR, I DON'T THINK THERE HAS BEEN A QUEEN WHO COULD KILL HIM AND STILL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO OVERCOME HER SADNESS.

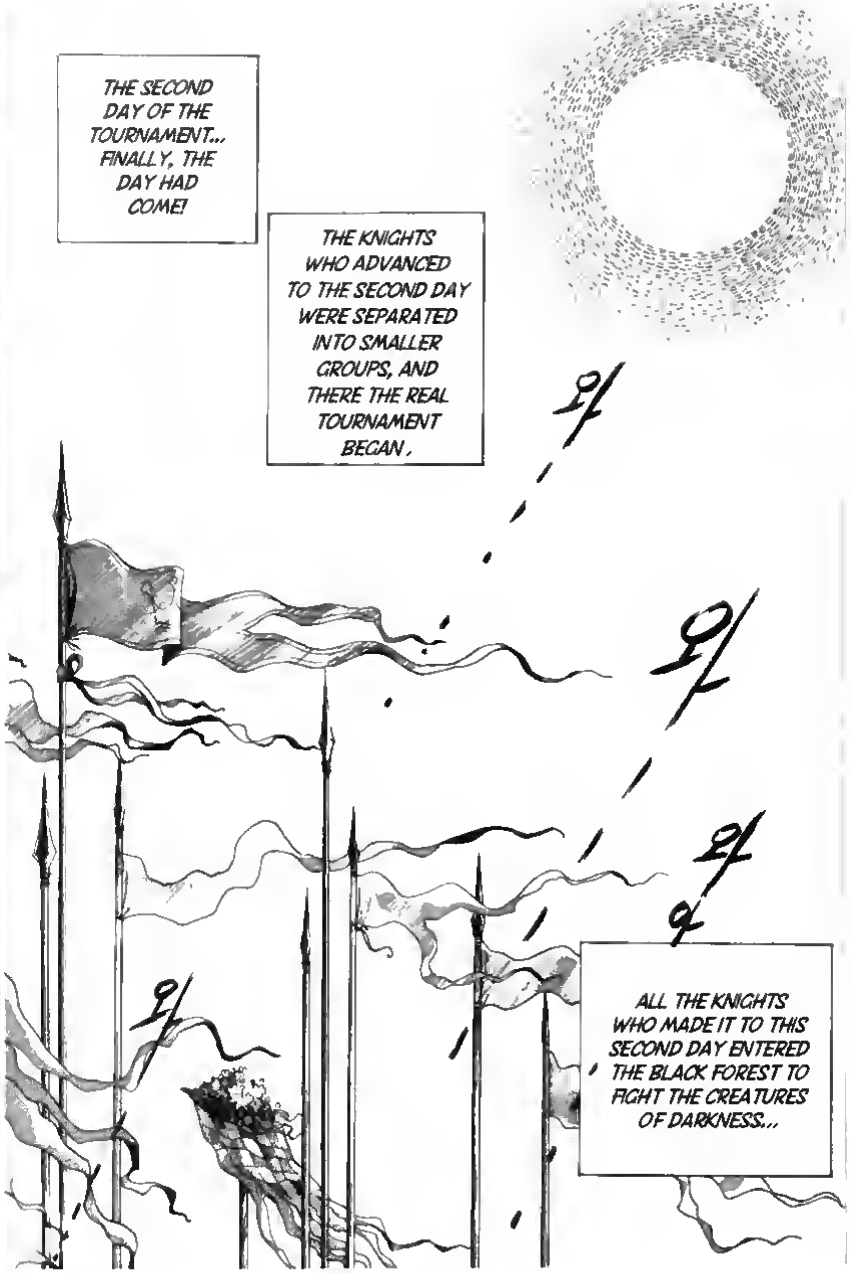
ARE YOU SAYING THAT RIENO IS THAT STRONG?
HE'S A MONSTER.

WELL, WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

WHY DID HE HAVE TO ENTER THIS TOURNAMENT...? I HEARD THAT ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, HE DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER ATTENDING.


DON'T YOU THINK IT'S INTERESTING THAT RIENO, FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME, IS PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT?
FOR THE FIRST TIME, AT LEAST, SINCE PHANTASMA WAS CURSED...
YOU SOUND LIKE YOU KNOW WHY HE'S PARTICIPATING!

ARE YOU SAYING THAT RIENO AGREED TO BE PRINCESS LIBERA'S KNIGHT JUST TO BE NEAR THE QUEEN...?
HMM, SHALL I SECRETLY PUT A LAXATIVE IN RIENO'S FOOD?
BECOMING PRINCESS LIBERA'S KNIGHT WOULD GIVE RIENO A REASON TO CONTINUE RESIDING AT ELYSIAN!
YOU'D DO THAT?
THAT WOULD MEAN THAT HE CAN CONTINUE TO BE NEAR THE QUEEN'S SIDE!
I WAS JUST KIDDING.


THE SECOND DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT... FINALLY, THE DAY HAD COME!
THE KNIGHTS WHO ADVANCED TO THE SECOND DAY WERE SEPARATED INTO SMALLER GROUPS, AND THERE THE REAL TOURNAMENT BEGAN.
ALL THE KNIGHTS WHO MADE IT TO THIS SECOND DAY ENTERED THE BLACK FOREST TO FIGHT THE CREATURES OF DARKNESS...

THE FIRST DISASTER OF THE DAY SOON OCCURRED.
EHREN, THE ONE GUARDIAN KNIGHT WHO WAS FAVORED TO ADVANCE TO THE TOP, WAS ELIMINATED IN THE FIRST EVENT.
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, HE LOST TO A KNIGHT OF NO CONSEQUENCE..
OH NO, HOW CAN THIS BE...? EHREN LOST...
EVEN AT A YOUNG AGE, HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS PROWESS IN FIGHTING BUT...
...WHAT HAPPENED?

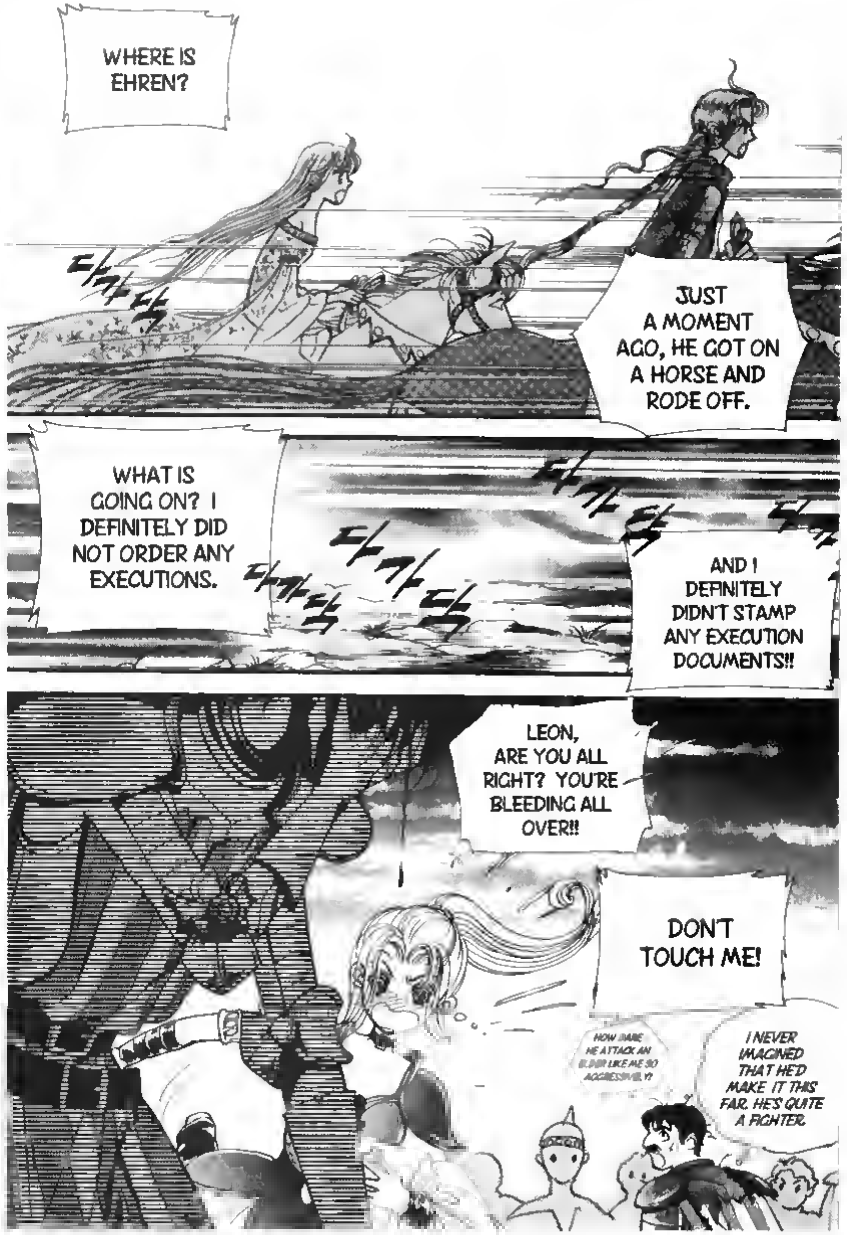
EHREN, YOU IDIOT! JUST AS I THOUGHT!! WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM A GUY WHO ONLY BECAME A GUARDIAN KNIGHT BECAUSE OF HIS UNCLE'S BACKING?
LORD EHREN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
RIENO, YOU JERK! ATTACKING ME! IT'S AS IF HE HAS A GRUDGE AGAINST ME. DAMMIT!
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT RIENO LOOKS AS IF HE'S ONLY ATTACKING THE GUARDIAN KNIGHTS.
YOUR MAJESTY, TWO OF YOUR GUARDIAN KNIGHTS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED.
AND FINALLY, ONLY EIGHT MEN REMAINED.

THESE EIGHT MEN WILL FIGHT ONE-ON-ONE UNTIL ONLY ONE REMAINS. HE WILL BE NAMED THE KNIGHT OF THE CORONET.

IF ONLY LEON COULD BEAT RIENO...
...THEN THE CORONET WILL NOT GO TO PRINCESS LIBERA.
I BET MY ENTIRE VINEYARD THAT THE KNIGHT FROM MY HAMLET WILL WIN!!
I PLACE MY BET ON RIENO...
NERVOUS.
ANXIOUS.
ANXIOUS.
I BET ON THE KNIGHT FROM THE KOHU HAMLET
LEON, YOU'RE DOING GREAT.
YES! THAT'S IT!!
ATTACK! ATTACK!
YOU'RE A LOT EASIER TO TOPPLE THAN I THOUGHT!
WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND IS GOING TO PLACE THEIR LIFE ON THE LINE IN A FARCE LIKE THIS?
YEAH, YEAH, YOU'RE SO SMART...
LET GO OF ME, YOUR MAJESTY.

... ...
REINHARDT...
LET GO! I HAVE TO SEE THE QUEEN!
YOU PROMISED ME THAT YOU'D SAVE MY FATHER AND...
...YET YOU SIGNED AN EXECUTION DECREE, YOUR MAJESTY!
TAKE HIM AWAY!
HOW CAN YOU DO THAT...? SAVE MY FATHER!
HURRY AND TAKE HIM AWAY!
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT? WHEN DID I MAKE SUCH A DECREE?
YOU CRAZY FOOL! QUICKLY PUT HIM IN PRISON! IT'S ALMOST THE FINALE OF THE TOURNAMENT...
LET GO OF ME! YOU BASTARDS!
WHERE IS CHANCELLOR KENT?
WHAT IS GOING ON? AN EXECUTION?
YOUR MAJESTY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THE TOURNAMENT IS ABOUT TO END...
YOUR MAJESTY...

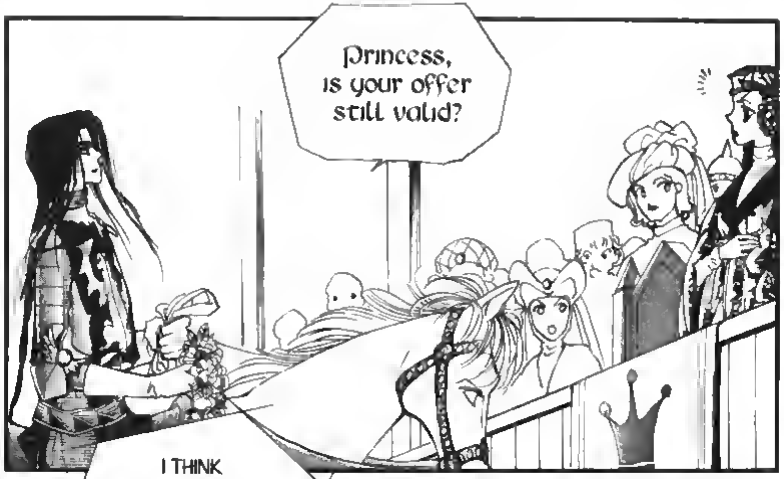
EHREN! SCHILLER!
WHERE'S EHREN? SCHILLER, WHERE IS THE EXECUTION SITE?
YOUR MAJESTY!
WHERE IS THE QUEEN GOING AT A TIME LIKE THIS? IT WILL BE OVER SOON...

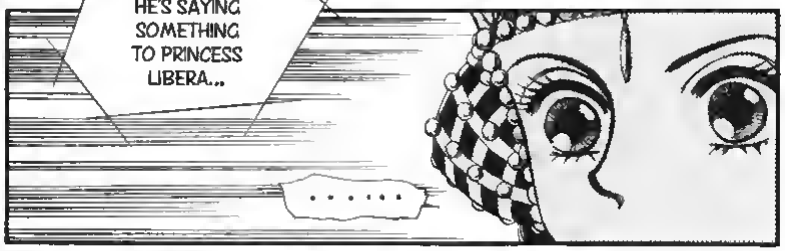

WHERE IS EHREN?
JUST A MOMENT AGO, HE GOT ON A HORSE AND RODE OFF.
WHAT IS GOING ON? I DEFINITELY DID NOT ORDER ANY EXECUTIONS.
AND I DEFINITELY DIDN'T STAMP ANY EXECUTION DOCUMENTS!!
LEON, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU'RE BLEEDING ALL OVER!!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
HOW DARE HE ATTACK AN ILLUSION LIKE ME SO AGGRESSIVELY?
I NEVER IMAGINED THAT HE'D MAKE IT THIS FAR. HE'S QUITE A FIGHTER.

HOW MORTIFYING!
I WANTED TO CONFRONT RIENO IN THE FINALE.
THE FINAL BATTLE OF THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE BETWEEN SIGMUNT, REPRESENTING THE HAMLET OF HOHU, AND ..
...KNIGHT RIENO, THE LORD OF THE HAMLET OF DUNKKAR.
THE QUEEN SPECIFICALLY ASKED ME TO WIN AND YET...
GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF! SHE ASKED ALL THREE OF YOU...
YOUR MAJESTY! WE'LL SOON ARRIVE!

HE MADE A FOOL OF ME!
THAT CHANCELLOR KENT!
HOW DARE HE PLAY WITH PEOPLE'S LIVES!
PLEASE, I MUST ARRIVE ON TIME...

CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING PHANTASMA'S GREATEST KNIGHT...
WOW! I WON THE BET.
I WONDER WHO HE WILL GIVE THAT CORONET TO?
NO ONE WILL LOOK BETTER IN THAT CORONET THAN PRINCESS LIBERA...
BUT, WHERE HAS THE QUEEN GONE AT AN IMPORTANT TIME LIKE THIS?
Where is the Queen?
I'M... I'M NOT SURE.
MAYBE RIENO DOESN'T PLAN ON GIVING THE CORONET TO PRINCESS LIBERA?
THEN WHAT ABOUT THEIR BET?
HE IS DEFINITELY GOOD-LOOKING.
I WISH HE'D GIVE IT TO ME.
HE DEFINITELY WANTS TO GIVE IT TO THE QUEEN.
HMM...
BUT, WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE QUEEN?
SHH, RIENO IS COMING THIS WAY.


Princess, is your offer still valid?


I THINK HE'S SAYING SOMETHING TO PRINCESS LIBERA...
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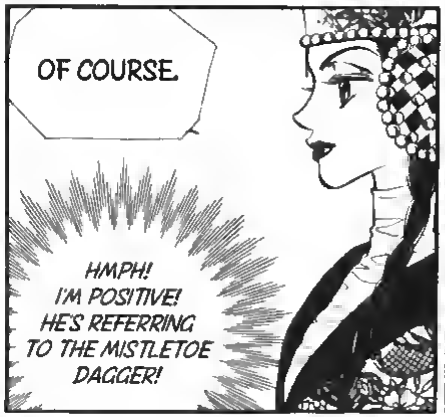
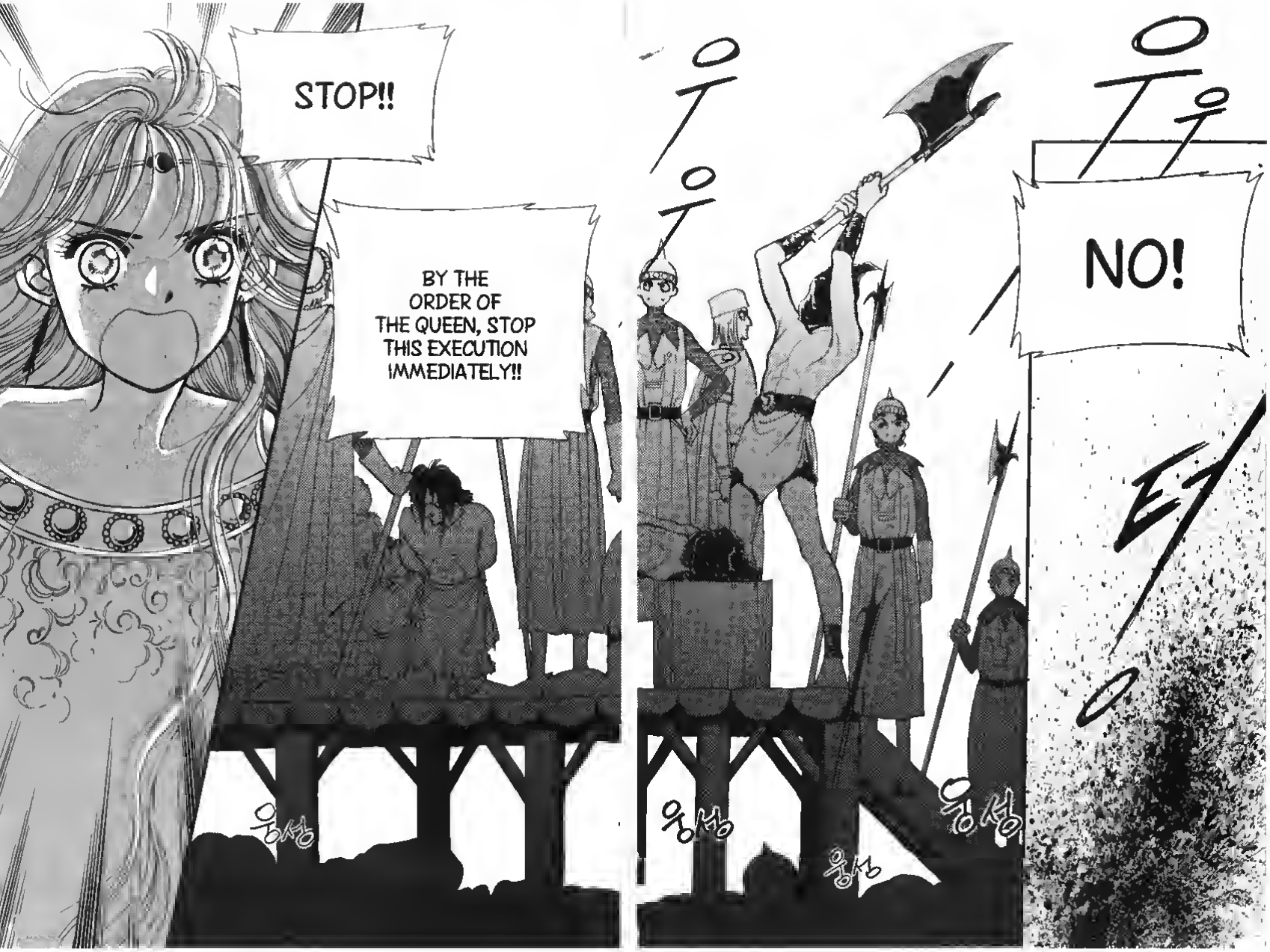

OF COURSE.
HMPH! I'M POSITIVE! HE'S REFERRING TO THE MISTLETOE DAGGER!

If that's the case, then this coronet...

YOUR MAJESTY, OVER THERE!!
THEREFORE, THESE FIVE MEN WILL BE DECAPITATED FOR TREASON!
WAIT! STOP THIS IMMEDIATELY!


STOP!!
BY THE ORDER OF THE QUEEN, STOP THIS EXECUTION IMMEDIATELY!!
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NO!

THANK YOU, RIENO, FOR FIGHTING SO GALLANTLY FOR ME...
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PHANTASMA'S GREATEST KNIGHT IS BESTOWING THE CORONET OF VICTORY AND HONOR TO THE GREATEST LADY OF PHANTASMA.

Ehren Fürst

WHAT AN EXCEEDINGLY DEPLORABLE EVENT, YOUR MAJESTY!
THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING.

MIS-UNDERSTANDING?
HOW CAN YOU FLIPPANTLY DISMISS A MAN'S DEATH AS A MISUNDERSTANDING?
HOW VERY VEXING, YOUR MAJESTY...
SINCE YOUR MAJESTY WAS SO THOROUGHLY SCRUTINIZING THE DOCUMENTS BEFORE PLACING YOUR STAMP...
...I TRUSTED YOU AND JUST SUBMITTED THE DOCUMENTS WITHOUT LOOKING THEM OVER.
BE QUIET, YOU SEA CUCUMBER! SEA ANEMONE! SEA URCHIN! THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE YOU!
HOW
IT'S VEXING? I'M SO ANNOYED! HE'S TAKING ME FOR A FOOL.

IF IT WASN'T FOR HERMENY, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE THE REMAINING FOUR MEN.
STOP IMMEDIATELY!
YOUR MAJESTY!
YOUR MAJESTY!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? THIS IS AN AUTHORIZED EXECUTION!!
I EVEN HAVE THE PAPERS WITH THE QUEEN'S STAMP.
STOP THIS EXECUTION IMMEDIATELY.
HER MAJESTY! THE QUEEN HAS ORDERED YOU TO STOP!
I DON'T SEE THE QUEEN HERE...

EH, THAT CAN'T BE?
THIS WON'T DO!!
AND SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE AN ORDINARY GIRL!
I REFUSE TO BECOME A QUEEN IN NAME ONLY, KNOWN ONLY TO PALACE INSIDERS.
IN THIS CURRENT STATE, I'M THE ONLY ONE IN DANGER. IN ORDER TO STAND UP AGAINST A CHANCELLOR LIKE HIM...
STOP HIM! HE WENT THAT WAY!

WHAT'S GOING ON...?
HE'S BEEN WOUNDED SO HE WON'T BE ABLE TO GO FAR.
NOW WHAT'S GOING ON...?
.....
.....

WHAT... WHAT IS IT? YOU STARTLED ME!
GO AWAY. I GOT HERE FIRST. I WANT TO BE BY MYSELF SO GO FIND YOURSELF A DIFFERENT PLACE...

I...SEE...
LOOK OVER THERE, TOO!
SEARCH EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY!

THE CULPRIT WON'T BE ABLE TO GO FAR...
...I FOUND DROPS OF BLOOD!

ARE...YOU HURT...?
THIS WAY! THERE'S BLOOD OVER HERE!
WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS NOISE...?
YOUR MAJESTY...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE THIS LATE AT NIGHT...?
HUH?

SOMEONE RELEASED THE MEN WHO ARE TO BE EXECUTED.
THE CULPRIT WAS WOUNDED SO HE COULDN'T HAVE GONE FAR.
THAT IS WHY WE ARE SEARCHING FOR HIM...
HURRAY FOR PRINCESS LIBERA!
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PRINCESS LIBERA!

HEY, ARE YOU AN IDIOT? YOU'RE GOING TO GET CAUGHT IF YOU STAND THERE AT THE WINDOW.
I HAD TO CHANGE MY CLOTHES BECAUSE YOU BLED ALL OVER ME.
LIBERA HASN'T CHANGED. SHE STILL ENJOYS BEING THE CENTER OF ALL THE HOOPLA.

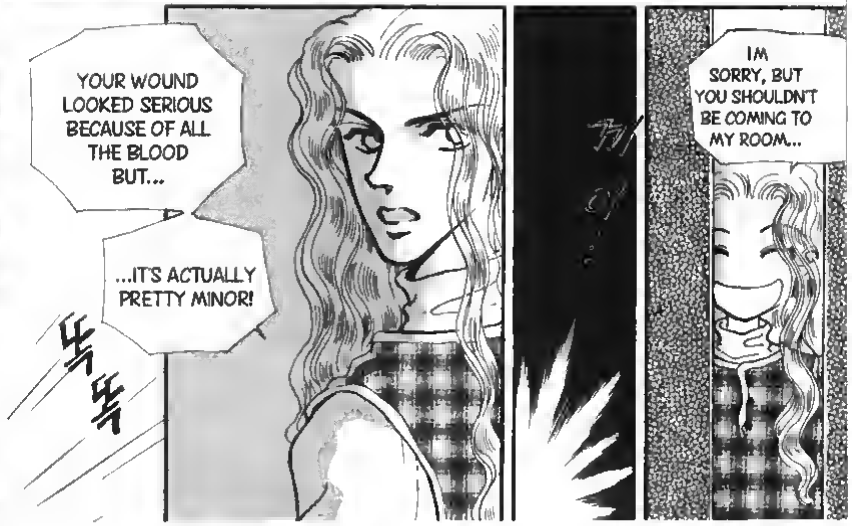
COME HERE! LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR WOUND.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. ONCE IT STOPS BLEEDING, I'M PLANNING ON LEAVING THE PALACE.
I DON'T WANT TO IMPOSE ON YOU.

You re already in her room and imposing on her

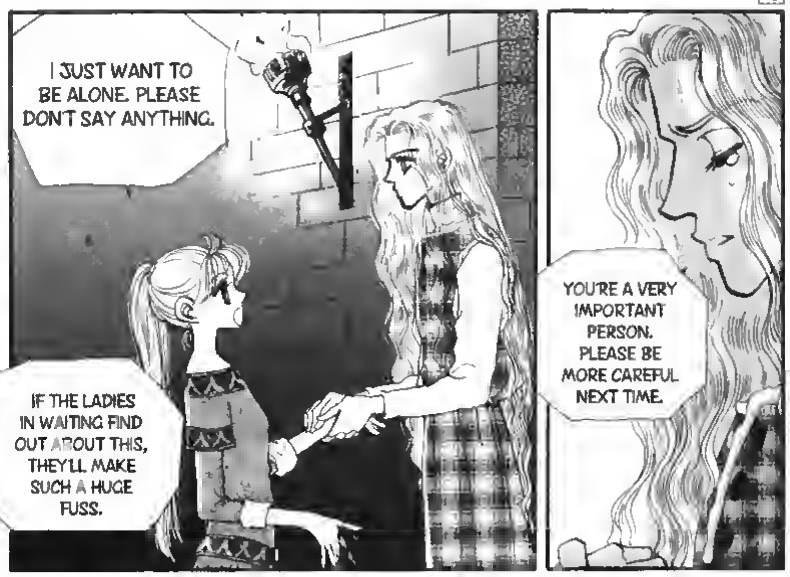
DON'T BE FOOLISH. IF YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SERVANTS AND THE LADIES IN WAITING, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM.
THEY WON'T BE BOTHERING US.
I TOLD THEM TO LEAVE ME ALONE BECAUSE I WAS VERY ANGRY ABOUT LOSING THE CORONET.
SO DON'T WORRY--MY BEDROOM IS THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE PALACE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I'M FINE. DON'T TOUCH ME. JUST CALL FOR MY SERVANT.
HEY, STOP ACTING SO TOUGH.
I'LL BE LEAVING THE PALACE ONCE DAWN BREAKS SO...
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO PASS OUT AT ANY MINUTE! SHOW ME YOUR WOUND!

UHH...
JUST BINDING IT UP WON'T DO. IT'S QUITE SERIOUS...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YUNA-!
I HAVE TO GET YOU SOME MEDICINE!
SOME RUBBING ALCOHOL OR SOME ANTIBIOTICS...

WILL YOU PLEASE STOP CRYING NOW?
AND YOU'RE IN MY BED...
SHUT UP. THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS...
THE CORONET WAS JUST WITHIN MY GRASP AND IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THIS WOUND...
GO TO YOUR OWN ROOM AND CRY.


YOUR WOUND LOOKED SERIOUS BECAUSE OF ALL THE BLOOD BUT...
...IT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY MINOR!
IM SORRY, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE COMING TO MY ROOM...

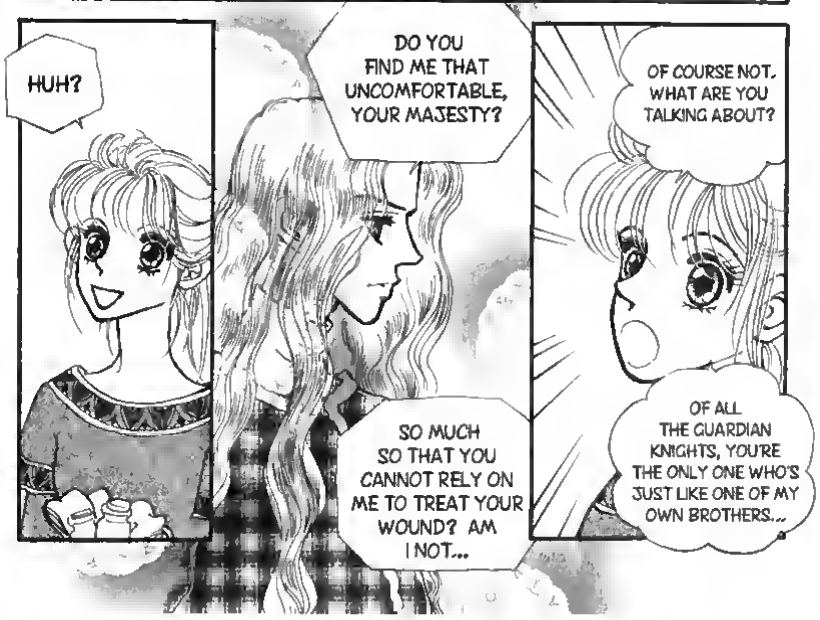
YOUR MAJESTY!
I ACCIDENTALLY CUT MY HAND. COULD I GET SOME MEDICINE FROM YOU?
MAYBE SOME PAINKILLERS AND A STERILIZING SOLUTION...
OH MY GOODNESS, WHAT HAPPENED...?
NOTHING, REALLY. I JUST WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF IT MYSELF...
TAKE CARE OF IT YOURSELF...?

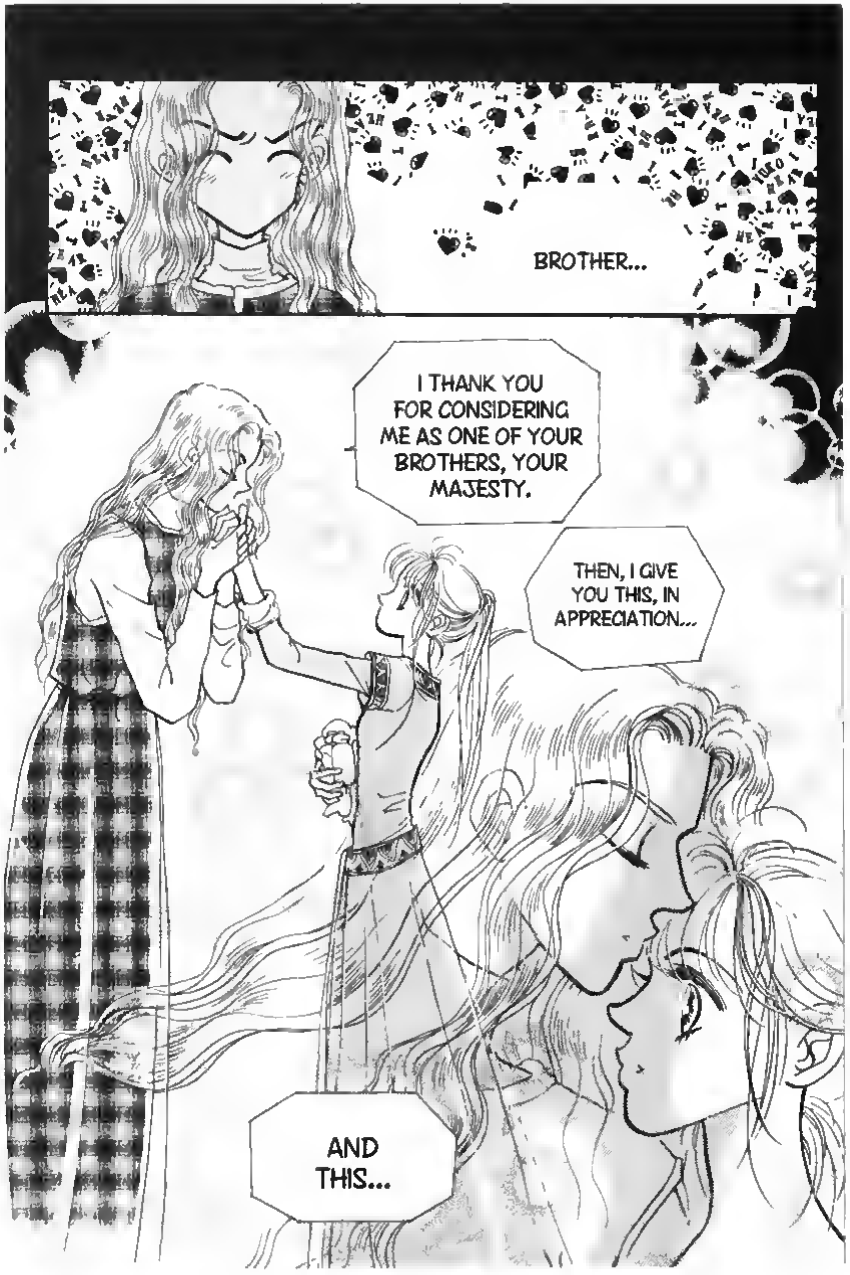

I JUST WANT TO BE ALONE. PLEASE DON'T SAY ANYTHING.
IF THE LADIES IN WAITING FIND OUT ABOUT THIS, THEY'LL MAKE SUCH A HUGE FUSS.
YOU'RE A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON. PLEASE BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME.

SCHILLER...
YOU'LL NEED A STERILIZER, MEDICINE TO STOP THE BLEEDING, PAINKILLERS, AND SOME BANDAGES.
YOU'RE GIVING ME THIS MUCH?

JUST IN CASE THAT KNIFE HAD ANY POISON ON IT...
...HERE'S AN ANTIDOTE FOR POISON. YOU NEED TO DRINK THIS...
THANK YOU, SCHILLER. AND YOU GAVE ME SO MUCH BINDING CLOTH, TOO.

YOUR MAJESTY...


HUH?
DO YOU FIND ME THAT UNCOMFORTABLE, YOUR MAJESTY?
SO MUCH SO THAT YOU CANNOT RELY ON ME TO TREAT YOUR WOUND? AM I NOT...
OF COURSE NOT. WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
OF ALL THE GUARDIAN KNIGHTS, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S JUST LIKE ONE OF MY OWN BROTHERS...

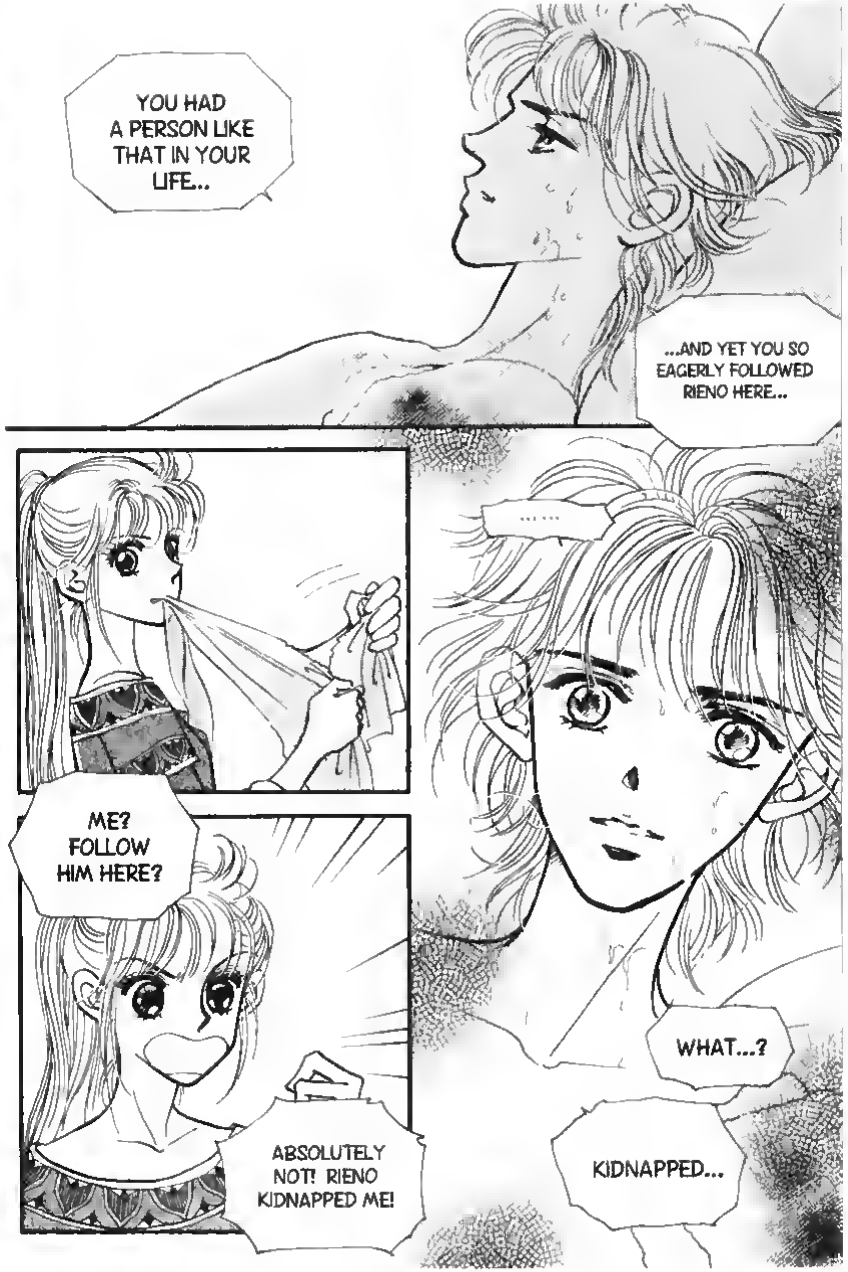

BROTHER...
I THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING ME AS ONE OF YOUR BROTHERS, YOUR MAJESTY.
THEN, I GIVE YOU THIS, IN APPRECIATION...
AND THIS...

FIND HIM!
WE HAVE TO FIND HIM! EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SPEND THE ENTIRE NIGHT DOING SO!
THE CULPRIT IS INSIDE THE PALACE!
I SMELL ANOTHER MAN'S SWEAT ON THE QUEEN'S BODY...
I'M GETTING JEALOUS FOR SOME REASON...

YOU'VE GOT IT GREAT, LEON! YOU'RE OFF IN DREAMLAND WITHOUT A CLUE AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON...

DAMMIT...
INSTEAD OF THE ANTIDOTE, MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE JUST GIVEN A REGULAR MEDICINE...
YOU'RE ONE SCARY GIRL! YOU ACTUALLY CUT YOUR OWN HAND JUST SO YOU CAN GET SOME MEDICINE...
THAT WAS VERY FOOLISH OF YOU...

SHUT UP! IT'S NOT LIKE I ENJOYED DOING IT!
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE HAD KAHYUN'S FATHER WITH US. HE'S A DOCTOR, YOU SEE...
EEEW! I THINK WE NEED TO SEW UP YOUR WOUND. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY IT'LL HEAL FASTER...
BUT I CAN'T SEW FABRIC, MUCH LESS HUMAN FLESH!
KA...HYUN...?
EVEN IF I TOLD YOU, YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
KAHYUN IS A VERY KIND, MATURE AND WONDERFUL PIANIST...
HE'S IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEAGUE THAN THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND.


YOU HAD A PERSON LIKE THAT IN YOUR LIFE...
...AND YET YOU SO EAGERLY FOLLOWED RIENO HERE...
ME? FOLLOW HIM HERE?
ABSOLUTELY NOT! RIENO KIDNAPPED ME!
WHAT...?
KIDNAPPED...

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. UP UNTIL NOW ALL THE QUEENS WERE INFATUATED WITH RIENO AND WILLINGLY FOLLOWED HIM HERE.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN RIENO PROBABLY JUST MADE UP THOSE STORIES!
AT LEAST THAT'S HOW I HEARD IT...
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW ENDLESSLY HE INVADED MY DREAMS AND CONSTANTLY BOTHERED ME. IN THE END, HE KIDNAPPED ME HERE!
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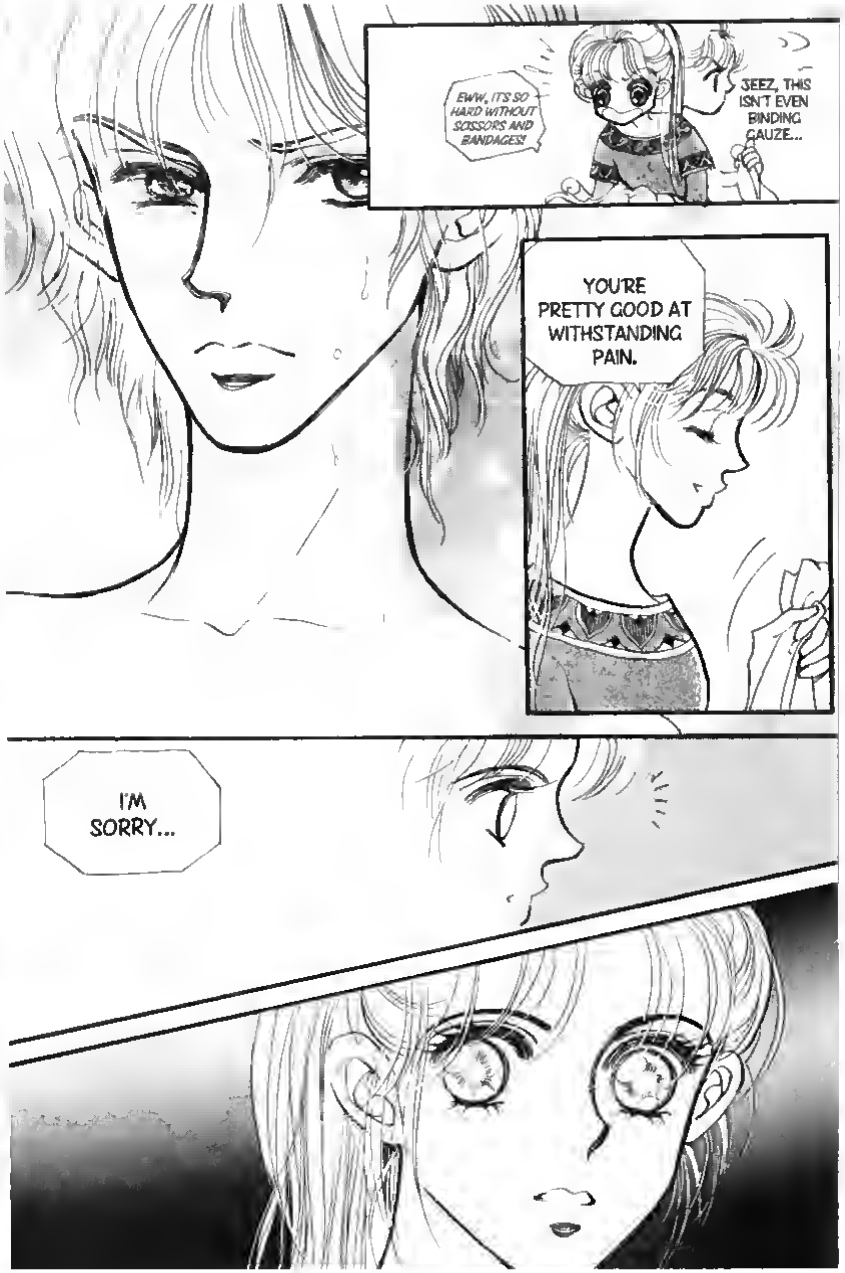
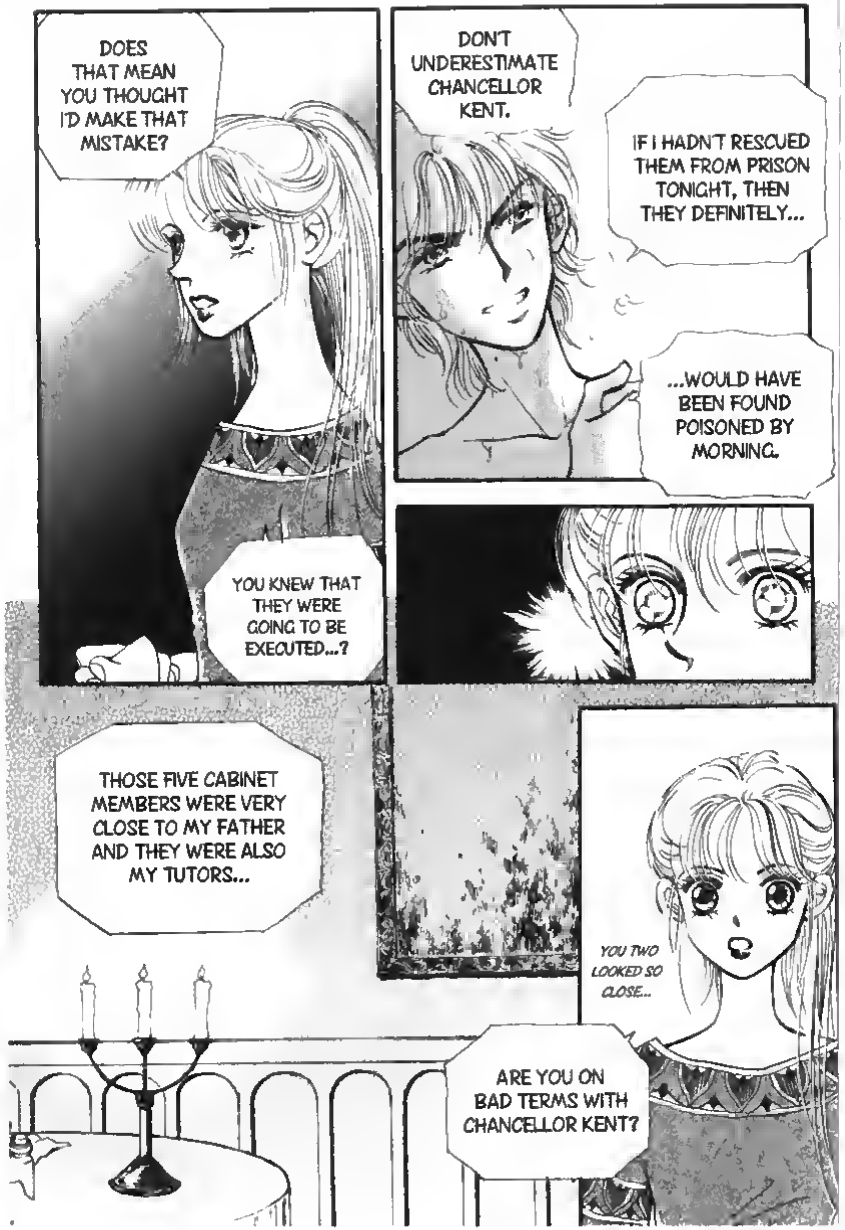
OI!
EVEN IF IT HURTS, SIT UP FOR A SECOND. I HAVE TO BIND UP YOUR WOUND.


EWW, IT'S SO HARD WITHOUT SCISSORS AND BANDAGES!
SEEZ, THIS ISN'T EVEN BINDING GAUZE...
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT WITHSTANDING PAIN.
I'M SORRY...

I...I DIDN'T DO MY BEST IN THE TOURNAMENT.
I LOST ON PURPOSE. THAT'S WHY I FELL OFF THE HORSE.
MY MIND WAS IN A HAZE. I WAS SO DISTRACTED, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESCUE THE FIVE IMPRISONED MEN...
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THE CORONET.


DOES THAT MEAN YOU THOUGHT I'D MAKE THAT MISTAKE?
YOU KNEW THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE EXECUTED...?
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE CHANCELLOR KENT.
IF I HADN'T RESCUED THEM FROM PRISON TONIGHT, THEN THEY DEFINITELY...
...WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND POISONED BY MORNING.
THOSE FIVE CABINET MEMBERS WERE VERY CLOSE TO MY FATHER AND THEY WERE ALSO MY TUTORS...
YOU TWO LOOKED SO CLOSE...
ARE YOU ON BAD TERMS WITH CHANCELLOR KENT?

FIRST OFF, I AM EHREN FURST...
BEING EHREN FURST MEANS THAT I AM THE HEAD OF THE FURST CLAN.
FOR GENERATIONS, ALL THE HEADS OF THE FURST CLAN WERE CHANCELLORS OF PHANTASMA.

WOW, SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE ONE IMPORTANT GUY.
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO PROUD AND ARROGANT!
I'M GOING TO LIE DOWN FOR A MINUTE BEFORE I GO.
HMM!
ANYWAY, NOTHING GOOD WILL COME OUT OF HIDING IN YOUR BED CHAMBER SO...
HEY!
WHY DID YOU STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR STORY? COME ON--TELL ME MORE.
TELL ME WHY KENT IS THE CHANCELLOR.
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE THE CHANCELLOR?

I WAS TOLD I WAS TOO YOUNG TO BE THE CHANCELLOR.
ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?
WHO SAID THAT? CHANCELLOR KENT?
MY MOTHER...

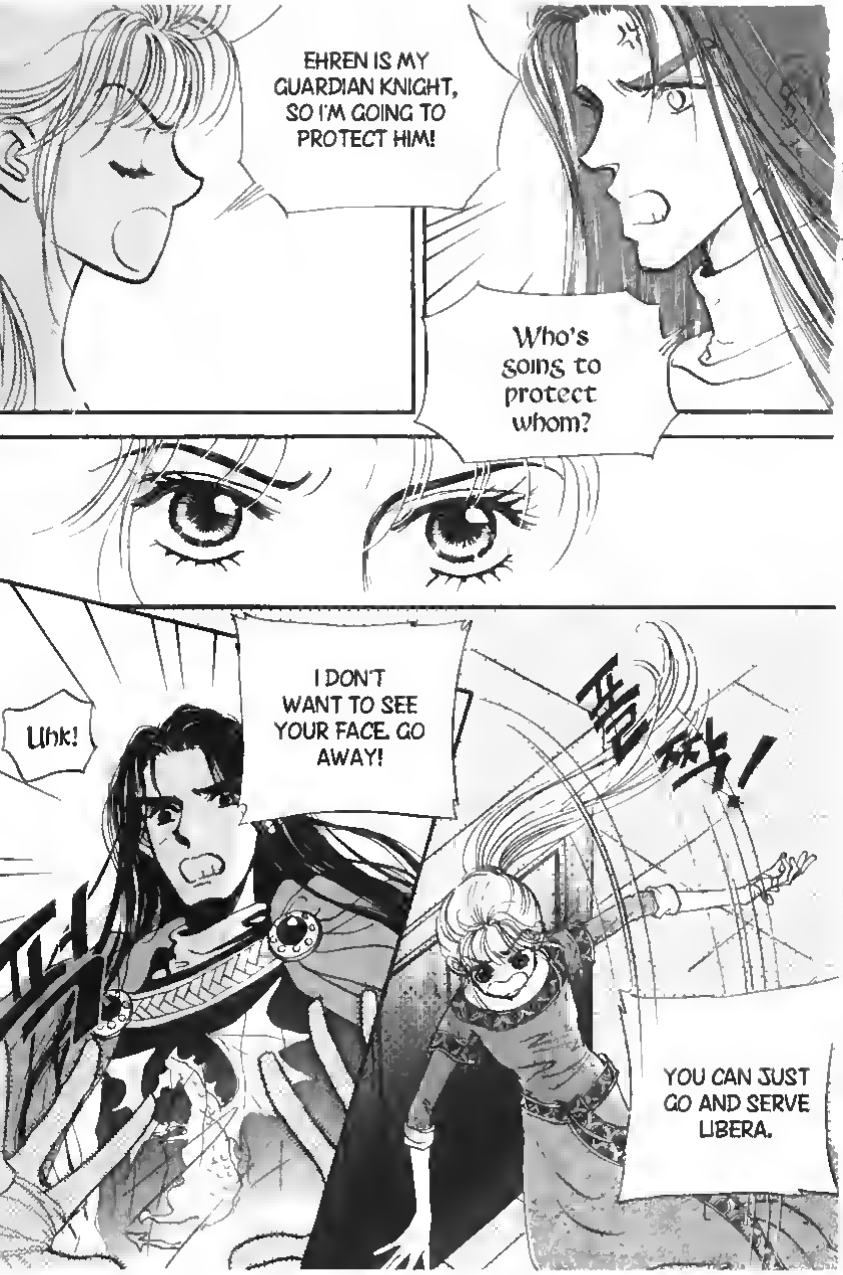
SPRING HAD ARRIVED IN PHANTASMA BUT...
...MY FATHER DID NOT AWAKEN.
UNTIL THE QUEEN BRINGS FORTH SPRING, ALL THE PEOPLE OF PHANTASMA CONTINUE TO SLEEP THROUGHOUT WINTER. YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

WE ALL SLEEP BY TAKING HEMEL'S SLEEPING PILL...
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HEMEL'S SLEEPING PILL...
...WAS FOR THAT PURPOSE.
MY FATHER AND I BOTH TOOK HEMEL'S SLEEPING PILL ON THAT FIRST DAY OF WINTER BUT...
...I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WOKE UP.

WHEN I OPENED MY EYES, NEXT TO ME WAS THE DECOMPOSED BODY OF MY FATHER.
IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE CHANCELLOR'S NECKLACE, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RECOGNIZE HIM.
I'M NOT SURE [illegible] BECAUSE OF [illegible] OR NOT BUT...
[illegible] THINGS I DID NOT UNDERSTAND...
...LIKE HOW [illegible] WHY THEIR [illegible] THE [illegible] THEY DID...

AND YET,
...AND I
I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT IT, BUT...
...I WAS DISAPPOINTED BY RENO'S BEHAVIOR AND ACTIONS.
ALL THE THINGS HE HAD DONE NOW WEIGHED HEAVILY ON MY HEART...
...FILLING ME WITH RESENTMENT...

HUH...?
WHAT...?
KYA...!
Why is he in your room?
I didn't realize Guardian Knights shared the same room as the Queen!
LET ME DOWN! IF YOU DON'T...
Are you going to scream again?
I was wondering where you went off to, but I hear you did a mighty deed!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU PLACED ME ON TOP OF THE FURNITURE
You hardly have any power and yet you stand in opposition to the Chancellor. What are you thinking?
And why are you protecting Ehren?
THAT IS NONE OF YOUR CONCERN!
Hurry up and wake him! Otherwise, I'm going to throw him out the window.
OF ALL THE NERVE!


EHREN IS MY GUARDIAN KNIGHT, SO I'M GOING TO PROTECT HIM!
Who's going to protect whom?
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE. GO AWAY!
Uhk!
YOU CAN JUST GO AND SERVE LIBERA.

I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIBERA'S KNIGHT UNTIL NEXT THANKSGIVING OR NOT!
What are you talking about? What about next Thanksgiving?
AND AS FOR THE TOURNAMENT...
...YOU DIDN'T HAVE GO AND FIGHT IT FOR LIBERA, YOU KNOW!
AS FAR AS I SEE IT, YOU'RE FAR WORSE THAN CHANCELLOR KENT.

LET GO! LET GO!
I SAID LET GO OF ME!
Why do I have to be Libera's knight again?
And what's this about Thanksgiving?
WE MADE A DEAL THAT IF YOU GAVE LIBERA THE CORONET, YOU WERE TO BECOME HER KNIGHT UNTIL NEXT THANKSGIVING.
I DON'T NEED A KNIGHT WHO GIVES A CORONET TO ANOTHER WOMAN...
IF I HAD KNOWN THAT YOU WERE THIS SELFISH, I WOULD HAVE NEVER FOLLOWED YOU!

So what you're saying is that you prefer a useless knight who needs your protection-- is that about right?
After all the trouble I took to bring you here, and you choose to entrust yourself to those useless knights.
You sure have bad taste in men, don't you?

DON'T YOU DARE BADMOUTH THEM! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HONORABLE THEY ARE...
YOU COULD NEVER MATCH UP TO THEM.
THEY'RE KIND, BRAVE, AND SMART! AND WHEN IT COMES TO ME, THEY'RE ALWAYS--
STOP!
YOU IDIOT!
As long as you continue to hate me, I'm the safest man in Phantasma! Don't forget that!
The Queen's Guardian Knights are "Phantasma's Guardian Knights."
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
You might not understand me now, but in time you will.

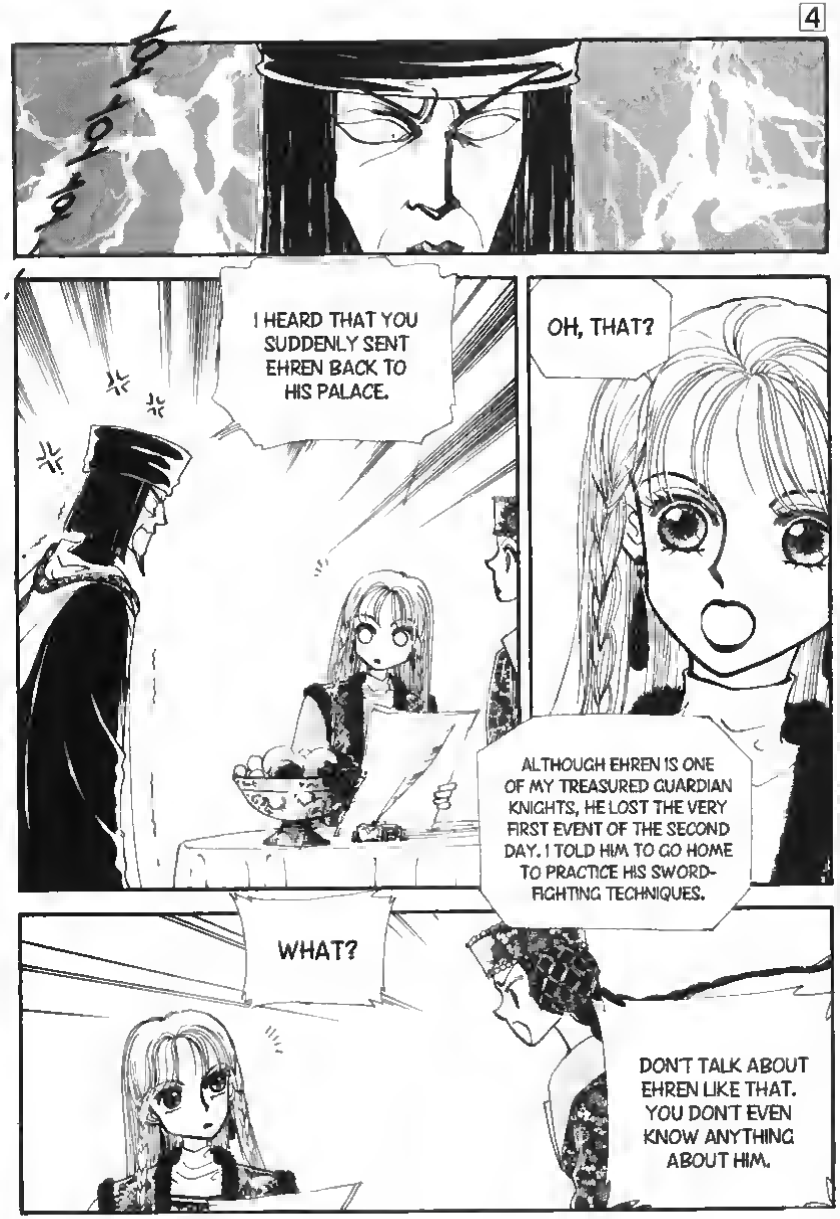
IF YOU EVER DO THAT TO ME AGAIN, YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET IT!
What...? It's not like we haven't done that before.
DO YOU WANT TO DIE?
You've gotten into a bad habit of becoming violent when you get angry...
Don't worry. Once I become Libera's knight, I'll just do that kind of thing to her.

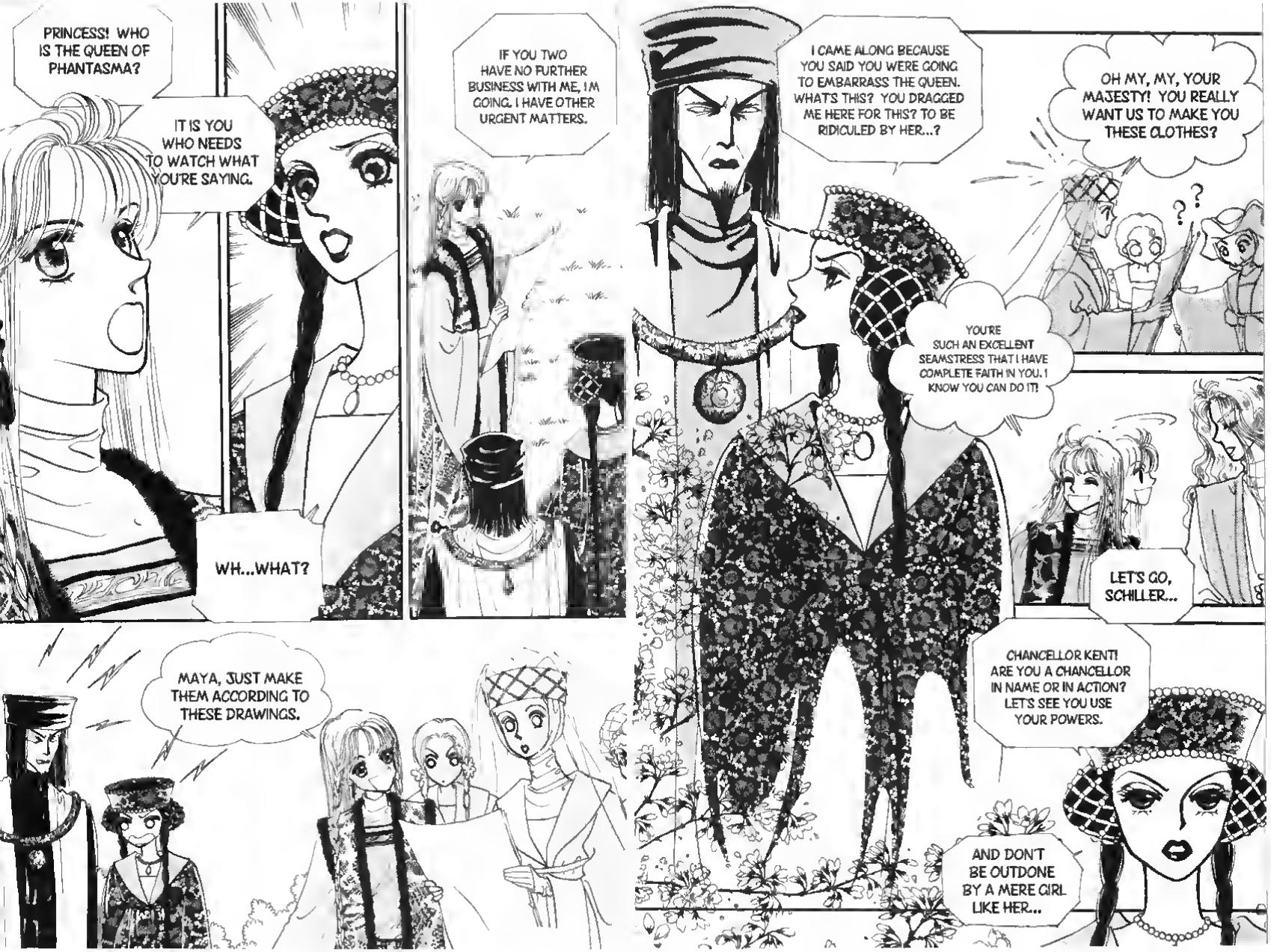
Which reminds me, wake that idiot up immediately and send him far away!
If his condition is found out, it won't bode well for either of you.
Even if the Chancellor has his suspicions, there's nothing he can do about it with no evidence.
I'm going...
MY LIPS...
...ARE BURNING.

OH, CHANCELLOR KENT.
PRINCESS LIBERA.

BECAUSE OF ALL THE RUCKUS YOU MADE LAST NIGHT, I COULDN'T SLEEP A WINK.
OH DEAR, I'M SO VERY SORRY. HO HO HO!
SO, CHANCELLOR, I HEARD ABOUT LAST NIGHT. HAVE YOU FOUNDTHE GUILTY PARTY?
WE HAVE A GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND...
I'VE ALSO HEARD SOME DETAILS ABOUT THE CULPRIT'S PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION.
EXCUSE ME?

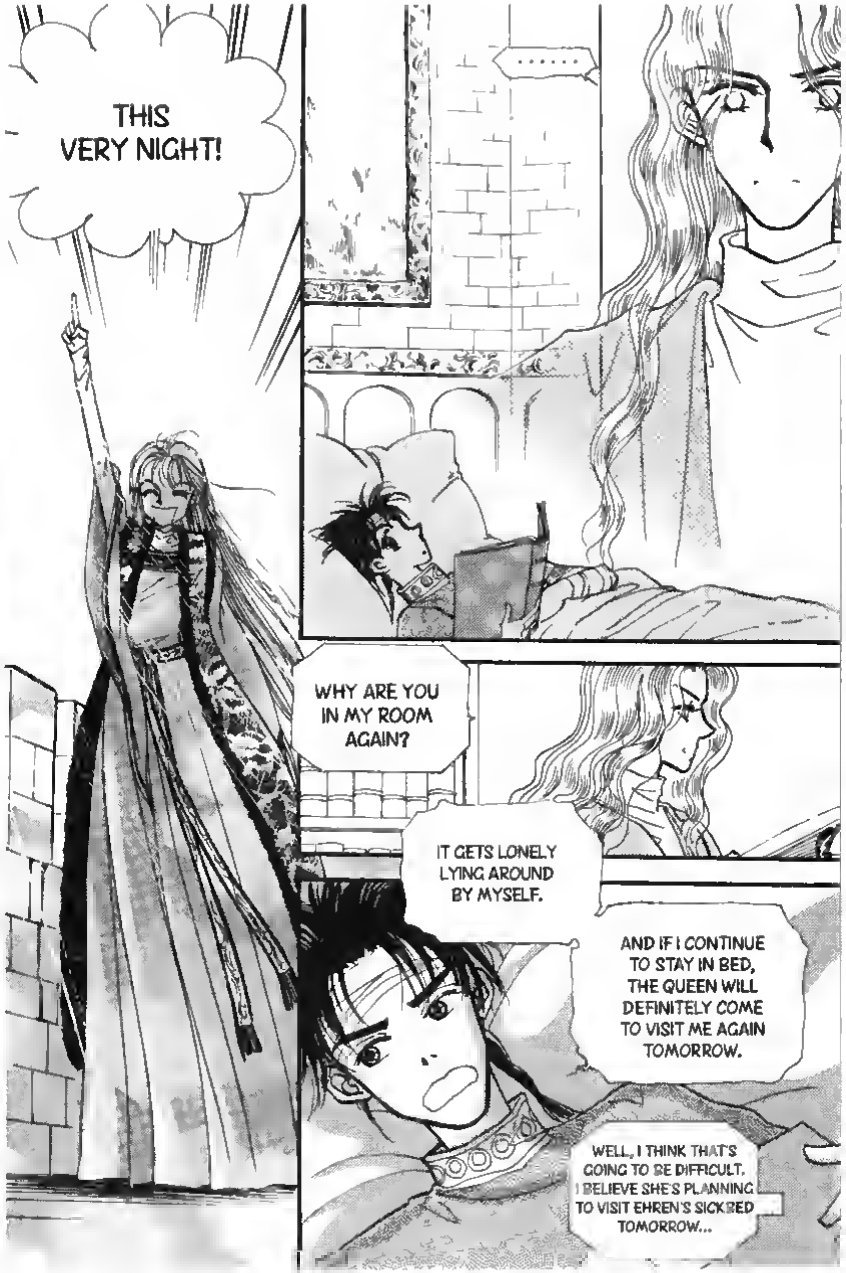
HE IS SAID TO BE THIN AND TALL AS A BEANPOLE WITH SHOULDER-LENGTH CURLY HAIR.
AND HE IS SAID TO HAVE A GOATEE, I BELIEVE...
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! I WAS ALSO TOLD THAT HE HAD VERY SMALL SLITS FOR EYES!
HE GIVES OFF A VERY AWFUL IMPRESSION AND IS SUPPOSED TO BE EXTREEEEEMLY UGLY!
THAT'S ABOUT IT.
HO HO HO!
u. UGLY?


I HEARD THAT YOU SUDDENLY SENT EHREN BACK TO HIS PALACE.
OH, THAT?
ALTHOUGH EHREN IS ONE OF MY TREASURED GUARDIAN KNIGHTS, HE LOST THE VERY FIRST EVENT OF THE SECOND DAY. I TOLD HIM TO GO HOME TO PRACTICE HIS SWORD-FIGHTING TECHNIQUES.
WHAT?
DON'T TALK ABOUT EHREN LIKE THAT. YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM.


PRINCESS! WHO IS THE QUEEN OF PHANTASMA?
IT IS YOU WHO NEEDS TO WATCH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
WH...WHAT?
IF YOU TWO HAVE NO FURTHER BUSINESS WITH ME, I'M GOING. I HAVE OTHER URGENT MATTERS.
I CAME ALONG BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO EMBARRASS THE QUEEN. WHAT'S THIS? YOU DRAGGED ME HERE FOR THIS? TO BE RIDICULED BY HER...?
OH MY, MY, YOUR MAJESTY! YOU REALLY WANT US TO MAKE YOU THESE CLOTHES?
YOU'RE SUCH AN EXCELLENT SEAMSTRESS THAT I HAVE COMPLETE FAITH IN YOU. I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!
LET'S GO, SCHILLER...
MAYA, JUST MAKE THEM ACCORDING TO THESE DRAWINGS.
CHANCELLOR KENT! ARE YOU A CHANCELLOR IN NAME OR IN ACTION? LET'S SEE YOU USE YOUR POWERS.
AND DON'T BE OUTDONE BY A MERE GIRL LIKE HER...

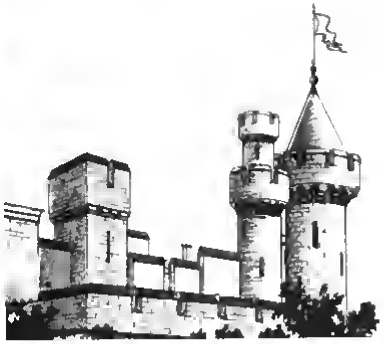
QUEEN OF PHANTASMA... DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO BE THE QUEEN OF PHANTASMA, AND YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET IT!
WHAT EXACTLY IS THAT? THAT DRAWING...
OH, PRINCESS...
HER MAJESTY IS DISSATISFIED WITH HER CURRENT WARDROBE AND HAS DESIGNED THESE PIECES FOR US TO MAKE.
HUH? WHAT IS THIS...?
WAHOO! THAT WAS SO SATISFYING!
BEING QUEEN DEFINITELY HAS ITS PERKS! I CAN SAY WHATEVER IS ON MY MIND...
SCHILLER, SHALL WE GO VISIT EHREN?

GO TO THE HAMLET OF TOEU? IT WILL EASILY TAKE FOUR DAYS TO GET THERE...
WILL LEON BE JOINING US?
WELL, DO YOU THINK HE CAN MAKE THE JOURNEY IN HIS CURRENT STATE?
WHEN I WENT TO VISIT HIM THIS MORNING, HE CRIED AND COULDN'T EVEN SPEAK CLEARLY.
ALL RIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY. IF THAT IS YOUR WISH, I'LL TAKE CARE OF ALL THE PREPARATIONS.
OF COURSE, WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE SECRETLY.
HOWEVER, THE CHANCELLOR AND THE OTHERS WILL NOT APPROVE OF YOU GOING ON A JOURNEY.
THEN, WHEN SHALL WE LEAVE?


THIS VERY NIGHT!
WHY ARE YOU IN MY ROOM AGAIN?
IT GETS LONELY LYING AROUND BY MYSELF.
AND IF I CONTINUE TO STAY IN BED, THE QUEEN WILL DEFINITELY COME TO VISIT ME AGAIN TOMORROW.
WELL, I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT. I BELIEVE SHE'S PLANNING TO VISIT EHREN'S SICKBED TOMORROW...

WHAT?
STAY IN BED. I'LL JUST ESCORT HER MAJESTY BY MYSELF...
THIS IS A SECRET BETWEEN HER MAJESTY AND ME...
A SECRET JUST BETWEEN HER MAJESTY AND HIM?
AND HER MAJESTY IS GOING TO VISIT EHREN'S SICKBED...?
KYAA!

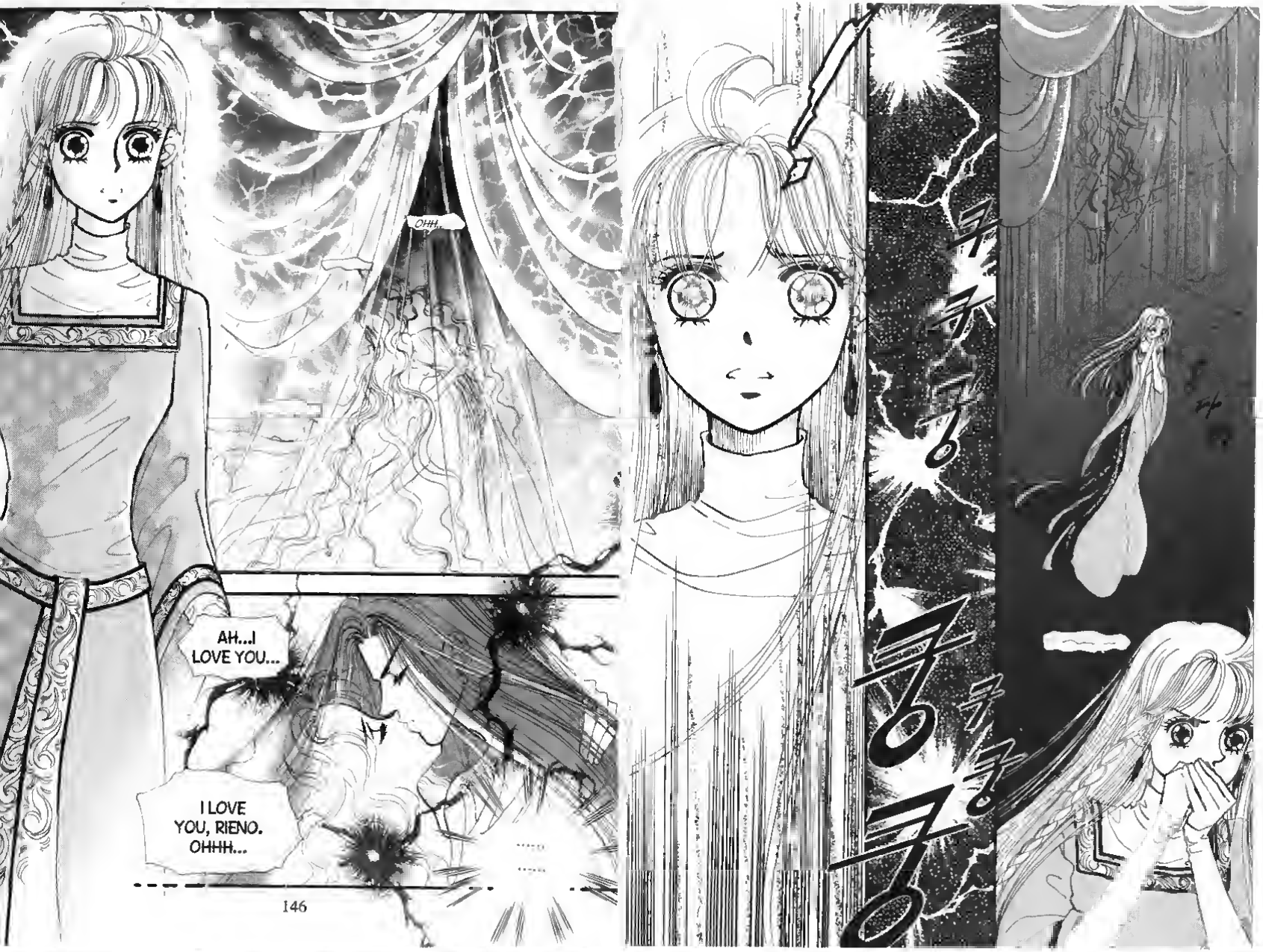
WHERE IS HER MAJESTY?
I MUST SEE THE QUEEN RIGHT THIS MINUTE!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SICK... PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR BED IMMEDIATELY!
HER MAJESTY IS CURRENTLY IN PRINCESS LIBERA'S QUARTERS.
THE PRINCESS HAS INVITED HER MAJESTY FOR TEA..


PRINCESS LIBERA...!!

IN THE GIRL'S QUARTERS...?

I'M SORRY, YOUR MAJESTY. IF YOU'LL JUST WAIT A MOMENT...
THE PRINCESS WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY.
I WONDER WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER?
INVITING ME FOR TEA?
ESPECIALLY AFTER I TOLD HER OFF EARLIER...
HUH?

WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
WHAT IS THAT?


OHH...
AH...I LOVE YOU...
I LOVE YOU, RIENO. OHHH...
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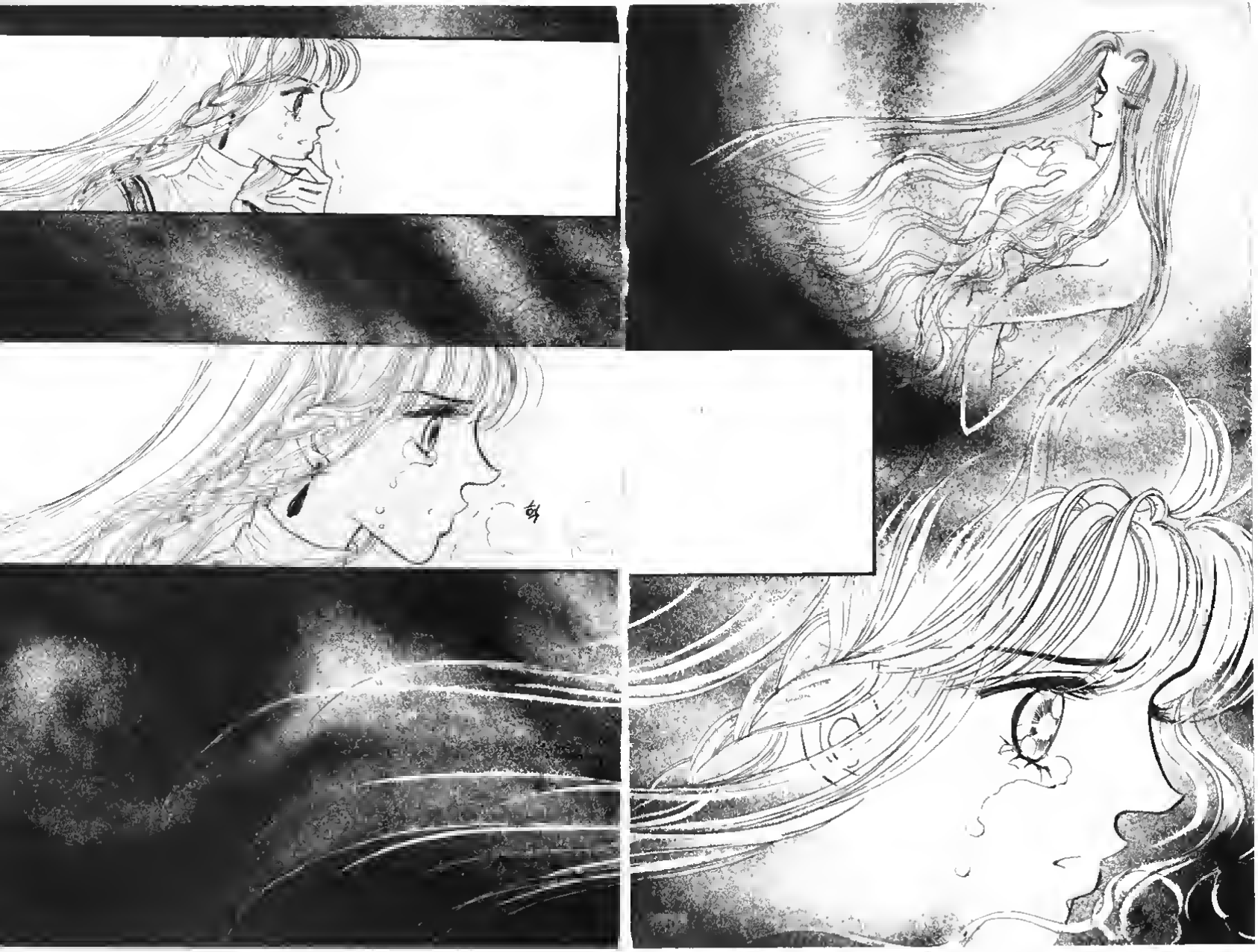
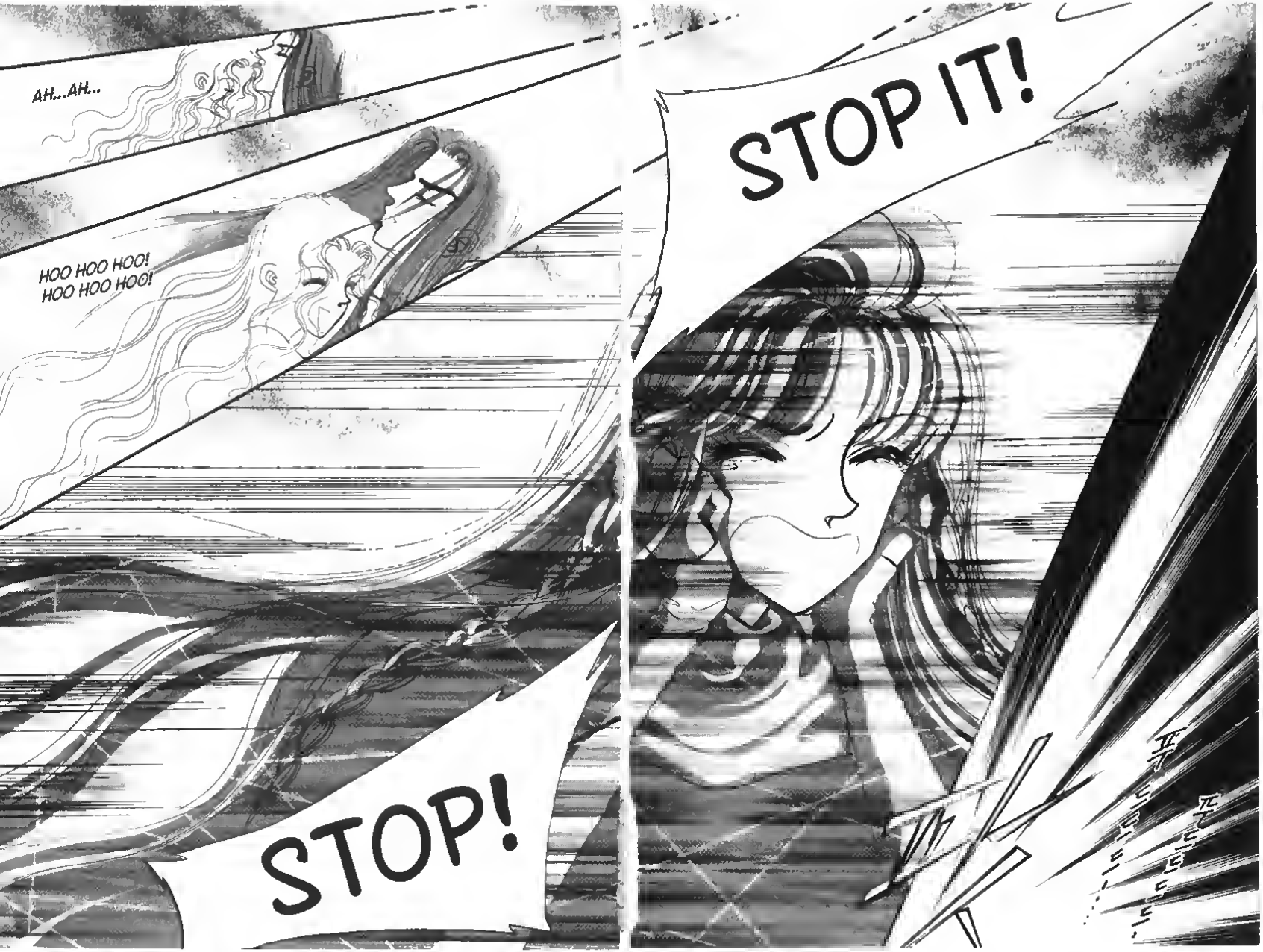



AH...AH...
HOO HOO HOO!
HOO HOO HOO!
STOP!
STOP IT!

KYAAAAAA!

YOUR MAJESTY!

AH...
WHO IS THAT? WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?
AND IT WAS JUST GETTING INTERESTING...
HOW DARE HE INTERRUPT MY FUN...
YOUR MAJESTY!
HOW DID HE GET IN HERE...?
LEAVE HIM TO ME.
YOUR MAJESTY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

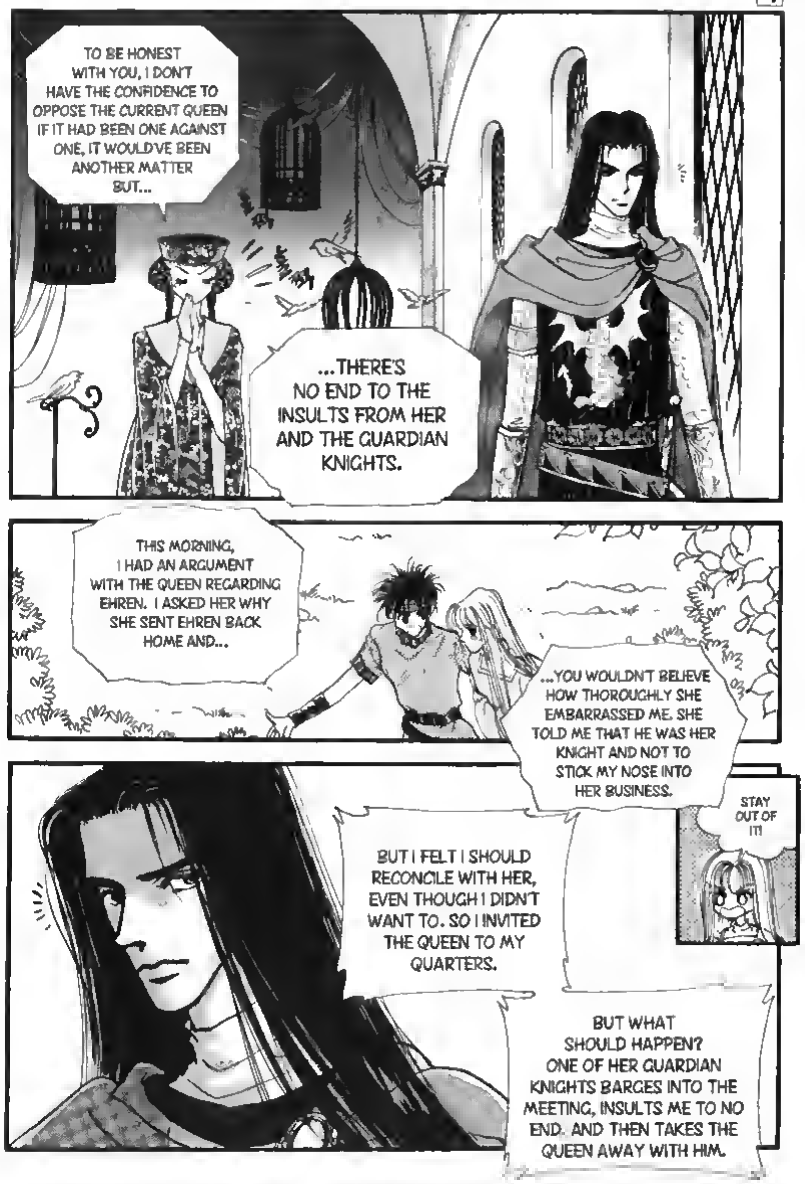
FORGET IT! YOUR DARK ARTS ARE USELESS.
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO--KILL MY BIRDS AS WELL?
KYA!
WHAT'S WITH THESE ANNOYING BIRDS?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! MY BIRDS!
SHUT UP! I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE!
BUT IF YOU LAUGH IN THAT IRRITATING WAY AGAIN, I'M GOING TO YANK THAT TONGUE OUT OF YOUR MOUTH!
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?
HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO ME THAT WAY!
DO YOU REALIZE WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO?
SHUT UP! I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE. IF YOU EVER DO THIS AGAIN TO THE QUEEN...
...I'M GOING TO KILL YOU WITH MY VERY OWN HANDS!

WHA...WHAT? THAT JERK!
GRR
GRR
GRR
HOW DARE HE INSULT ME WITH SUCH LANGUAGE...
I HAVE NEVER BEEN INSULTED LIKE THAT IN ALL MY LIFE..
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY?
LEAN ON MY SHOULDERS, YOUR MAJESTY.
I'M FINE, LEON...
HOW DARE HE!
PRINCESS...
PRINCESS...
I WON'T FORGIVE HIM. THAT JERK...
PRINCESS LIBERA...
BE QUIET.
LORD RIENO IS HERE TO SEE YOU, PRINCESS.
WHAT?
RIENO IS HERE?!!

According to our agreement, I'm here to collect my belongings, Princess.
YOUR BELONGINGS?
OF ALL THE LUCK! WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY?! I'VE BEEN FIELDING INSULTS ALL DAY FROM ILL-MANNERED PEOPLE!
OH! YOU MUST BE REFERRING TO THE MISTLETOE WOODEN DAGGER.
IT'S ON THE TABLE OVER THERE IN THAT CHEST. GO AHEAD AND TAKE IT.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO BE SUSPICIOUS. IT'S THE REAL THING. THE ONE WITH THE QUEEN'S CURSE...
.....
Hah

UGH...
GASP!
FA!
.....
It really is the one!
It's true! That dagger really can turn creatures of darkness into dust.
That creature of darkness was in your quarters
And I can sense that Dark Arts were used just a moment ago.

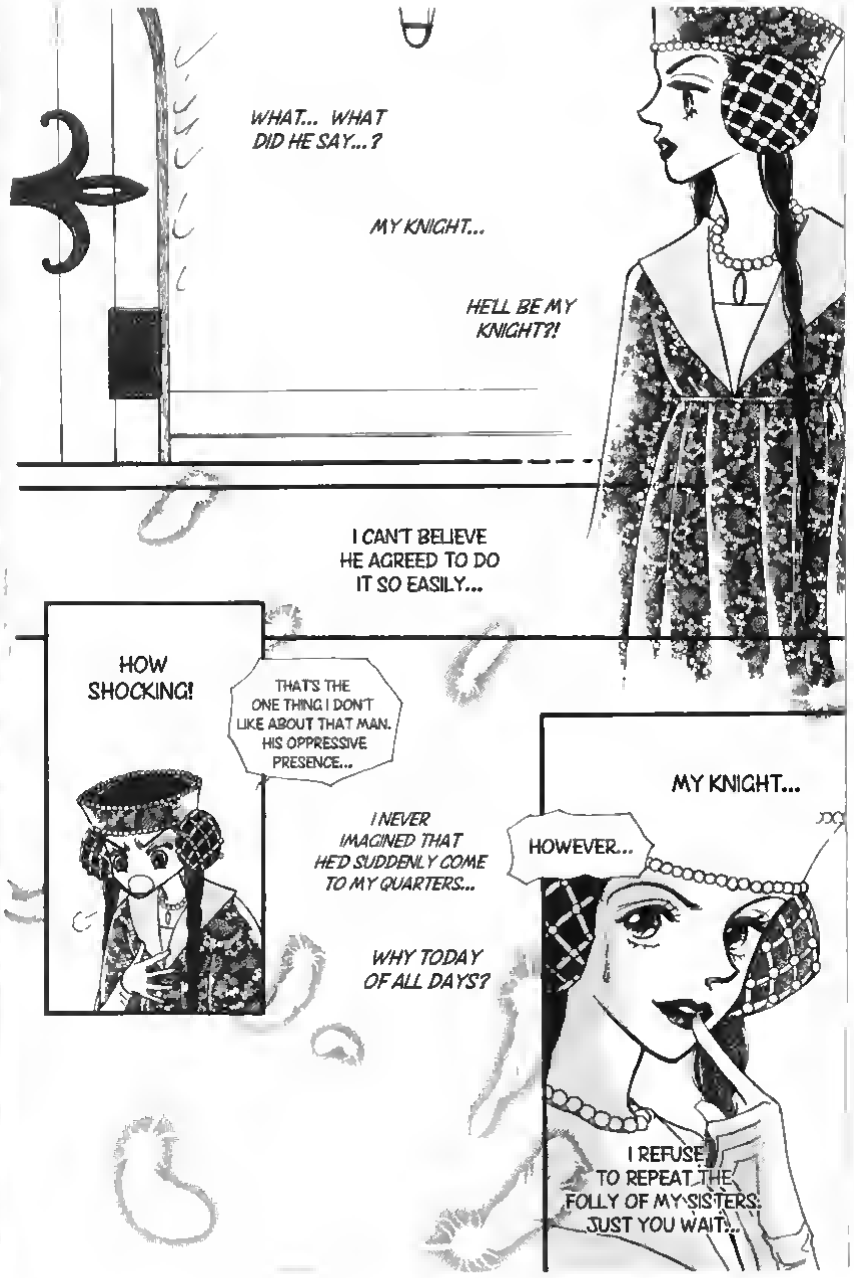
I HAD FORGOTTEN. MY SISTERS TOLD ME THAT RIENO HAD A SPECIAL AFFINITY WITH THE CREATURES OF DARKNESS.
If you don't wish to turn out like your sisters...
...it will be best if you forego the use of Dark Arts, Princess...
I CAN'T LET HIM FIND OUT THAT I JUST USED DARK ARTS TO DECEIVE THE QUEEN...
AND IF HE FINDS OUT THAT THE QUEEN WAS HERE JUST A MOMENT AGO...


TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO OPPOSE THE CURRENT QUEEN IF IT HAD BEEN ONE AGAINST ONE, IT WOULD'VE BEEN ANOTHER MATTER BUT...
...THERE'S NO END TO THE INSULTS FROM HER AND THE GUARDIAN KNIGHTS.
THIS MORNING, I HAD AN ARGUMENT WITH THE QUEEN REGARDING EHREN. I ASKED HER WHY SHE SENT EHREN BACK HOME AND...
...YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW THOROUGHLY SHE EMBARRASSED ME. SHE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS HER KNIGHT AND NOT TO STICK MY NOSE INTO HER BUSINESS.
STAY OUT OF IT!
BUT I FELT I SHOULD RECONCILE WITH HER, EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T WANT TO. SO I INVITED THE QUEEN TO MY QUARTERS.
BUT WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN? ONE OF HER GUARDIAN KNIGHTS BARGES INTO THE MEETING, INSULTS ME TO NO END. AND THEN TAKES THE QUEEN AWAY WITH HIM.

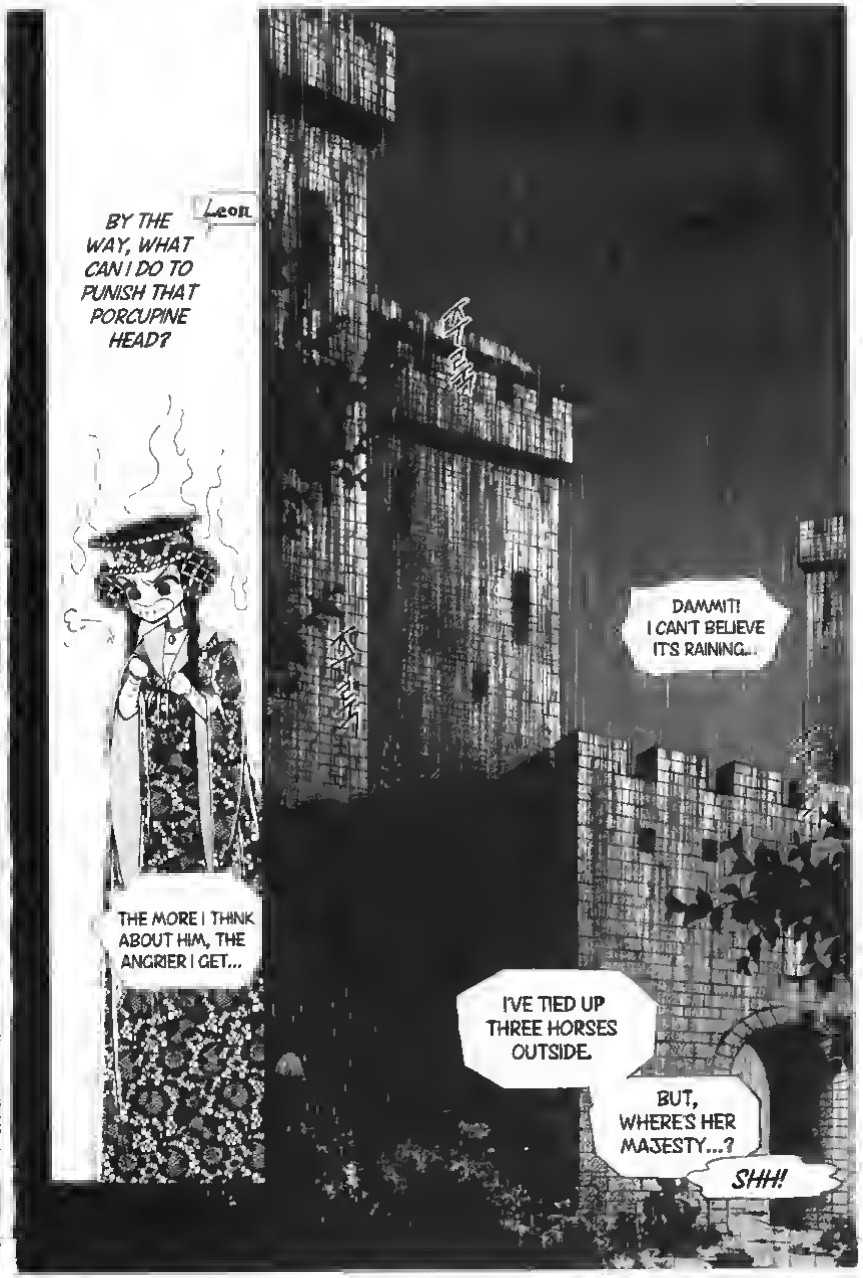
IN ALL MY LIFE, I HAVE NEVER BEEN INSULTED IN THAT MANNER.
Does this have anything to do with the Dark Arts?
.....
Did you invite the Queen just to give her a little performance, Princess?
Otherwise, unless he was crazy, there'd be no reason why a sane Guardian Knight would dare insult a Princess...

AND WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TOLD YOU THAT THIS KNIGHT WAS QUITE SANE?
IN SITUATIONS LIKE THESE, THE BEST THING TO DO IS FEIGN IGNORANCE.
I CALLED IN THAT DARK ARTS MASTER TO HELP ME CURE MY SICK BIRDS.
I CAN'T GIVE HIM THE ADVANTAGE.
ALTHOUGH I KNOW THE USE OF DARK ARTS IS BANNED WITHIN THE PALACE, I ONLY REQUESTED HER ASSISTANCE TO HELP CURE MY BIRDS OF AN INCURABLE DISEASE.
HER PRESENCE HERE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE QUEEN.

I think I'll have to stay by your side and watch over you until next Thanksgiving! Princess...
I'm very curious to see what kind of game you're playing with the Queen...
Since I did present you with the tournament coronet and all, I might as well stick around and be your knight for a while...


WHAT... WHAT DID HE SAY...?
MY KNIGHT...
HE'LL BE MY KNIGHT?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE AGREED TO DO IT SO EASILY...
HOW SHOCKING!
THAT'S THE ONE THING I DON'T LIKE ABOUT THAT MAN. HIS OPPRESSIVE PRESENCE...
I NEVER IMAGINED THAT HE'D SUDDENLY COME TO MY QUARTERS...
WHY TODAY OF ALL DAYS?
MY KNIGHT...
HOWEVER...
I REFUSE TO REPEAT THE FOLLY OF MY SISTERS. JUST YOU WAIT...

FROM THIS MOMENT FORTH, I WILL HAVE YOU, THE QUEEN'S KNIGHT RIENO, WITHIN MY VERY GRASP!
ULTIMATELY, YOU WILL DESTROY THE CURRENT QUEEN, AND YOU WILL MAKE ME THE QUEEN.
HO HO HO!


BY THE WAY, WHAT CAN I DO TO PUNISH THAT PORCUPINE HEAD?
Leon
THE MORE I THINK ABOUT HIM, THE ANGRIER I GET...
DAMMIT! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S RAINING...
I'VE TIED UP THREE HORSES OUTSIDE.
BUT, WHERE'S HER MAJESTY...?
SHH!

ARE YOU GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT? IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA TO GET YOUR WOUND WET.
IT'S NOT MY FAULT IF YOUR WOUND FESTERS AND YOUR BRAIN GETS DAMAGED...
NOR IF YOUR IQ DROPS ANY
SHUT UP! I'M WILLING TO GO ANYWHERE WITH HER MAJESTY.
A LITTLE RAIN ISN'T GOING TO KILL ME...
I'M THANKFUL FOR YOUR SENTIMENT, LENN
BUT KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN! ALL THE FUN WILL BE RUINED IF WE GET CAUGHT BY THE SENTRIES...
YOUR MAJESTY...
YOUR HAIR...

OH THIS. I WAS THINKING THIS MIGHT BE A LOT MORE COMFORTABLE DURING OUR TRAVELS.
SINCE I HAD TO CUT IT MYSELF, IT'S A BIT OF A MESS.
WITH MY HAIRCUT, I LOOK LESS LIKE A GIRL, SO...
BUT WHY DID YOU CUT IT? WHAT A PITY, YOUR MAJESTY...
LOOK, JUST CALL ME BY MY NAME.
IT'S YUNA!
DON'T ADDRESS ME AS YOUR MAJESTY.
WELL JUST TELL PEOPLE THAT WE'RE FRIENDS ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER.
YUNA.

LET'S GET YOU BUNDLED UP. OTHERWISE YOU'RE GOING TO CATCH A COLD.
ARRGH! STEP AWAY FROM HER! STEP AWAY!

SCHILLER...
YUNA... THAT'S A BEAUTIFUL NAME.

IF YOU OVERDO IT, I'M GONNA LET YOU HAVE IT.
YEAH, HORSES...
I BROUGHT THE THREE BEST HORSES FROM THE PALACE STABLES.

THE BEST CURE FOR CLEARING A FOGGY BRAIN IS FRESH AIR!
IF I AM TO BECOME PHANTASMA'S QUEEN, I MUST TRULY KNOW WHAT PHANTASMA IS LIKE.
KYA!
I WANT TO SEE PHANTASMA WITH MY VERY OWN EYES.

I HAVE BRIEFLY GONE OUT FOR SOME FRESH AIR! I WILL RETURN IN TWO WEEKS.
-QUEEN-
IT'S TERRIBLE.
THE QUEEN HAS DISAPPEARED.
SHE HAS LEFT THE PALACE...
The Queen...
...has disappeared...?
I BELIEVE THE GUARDIAN KNIGHTS ARE WITH HER.
I HAVE DISPATCHED SOLDIERS TO SEARCH FOR HER...
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THEY ARE HEADED FOR THE HAMLET OF TOEU... OR THE HAMLET OF EHREN FURST...
Guardian Knights...
To Ehren...?

What is that idiot thinking?!

Damn, why am I so concerned about her?

For some reason...I'm getting angrier and angrier.

She's always like this! Just when I think I've caught her, she disappears on me...

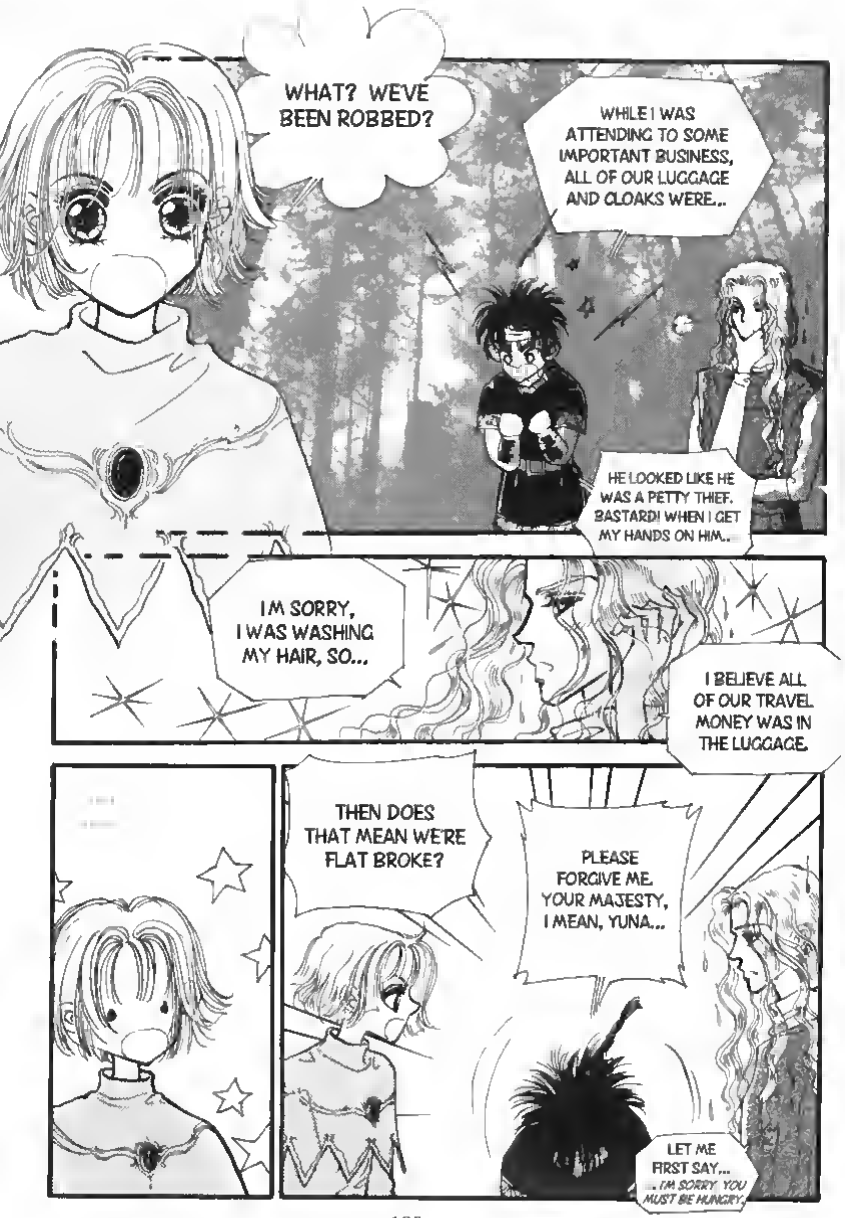
The moment I think I have her in my hands...

...she squirms out between my fingers.

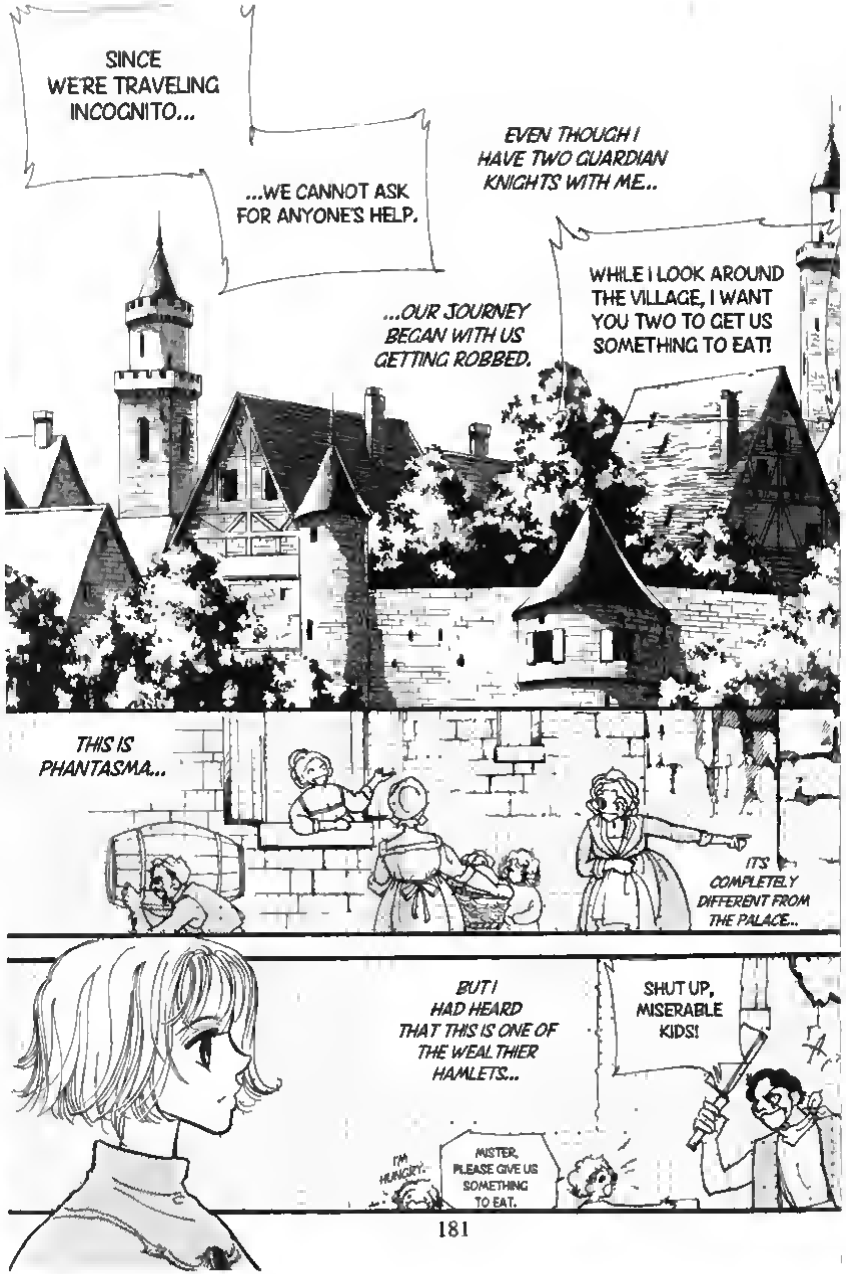
She's like a kitten, always wriggling away.

SILLY LITTLE GIRL...
THIS WILL BE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH YOU A LESSON.
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN A QUEEN LEAVES HER PALACE...

STOP RIGHT THERE! HEY!
STOP!
WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON YOU, YOU'RE GOING TO PAY!
STOP RIGHT THERE!
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE NOISE..?
YAWN!
STOP, YOU BASTARD!


WHAT? WE'VE BEEN ROBBED?
WHILE I WAS ATTENDING TO SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS, ALL OF OUR LUGGAGE AND CLOAKS WERE...
HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS A PETTY THIEF. BASTARD! WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON HIM..
I'M SORRY, I WAS WASHING MY HAIR, SO...
I BELIEVE ALL OF OUR TRAVEL MONEY WAS IN THE LUGGAGE.
THEN DOES THAT MEAN WE'RE FLAT BROKE?
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, YOUR MAJESTY, I MEAN, YUNA...
LET ME FIRST SAY... ...I'M SORRY. YOU MUST BE HUNGRY.




SINCE WE'RE TRAVELING INCOGNITO...
...WE CANNOT ASK FOR ANYONE'S HELP.
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE TWO GUARDIAN KNIGHTS WITH ME..
...OUR JOURNEY BEGAN WITH US GETTING ROBBED.
WHILE I LOOK AROUND THE VILLAGE, I WANT YOU TWO TO GET US SOMETHING TO EAT!
THIS IS PHANTASMA...
IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE PALACE...
BUT I HAD HEARD THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE WEALTHIER HAMLETS...
SHUT UP, MISERABLE KIDS!
I'M HUNGRY.
MISTER, PLEASE GIVE US SOMETHING TO EAT.

THE ENVIRONMENT MAY BE DIFFERENT, BUT THE WAY IN WHICH PEOPLE LIVE IS SIMILAR WHEREVER YOU GO...
THE KIDS GATHER TOGETHER TO PLAY...
...WHILE THE ADULTS ARE AT WORK.
OTHERS TAKE CARE OF THEIR BABIES AND COOK.
ATTENTION! SHOULD YOU FIND THE PEOPLE RESEMBLING THIS PICTURE, YOU ARE ORDERED TO REPORT THEM IN IMMEDIATELY!

THE MOMENT YOU FIND THEM, REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY! THE REWARD IS 1000 GURDENS* OF GOLD COINS.
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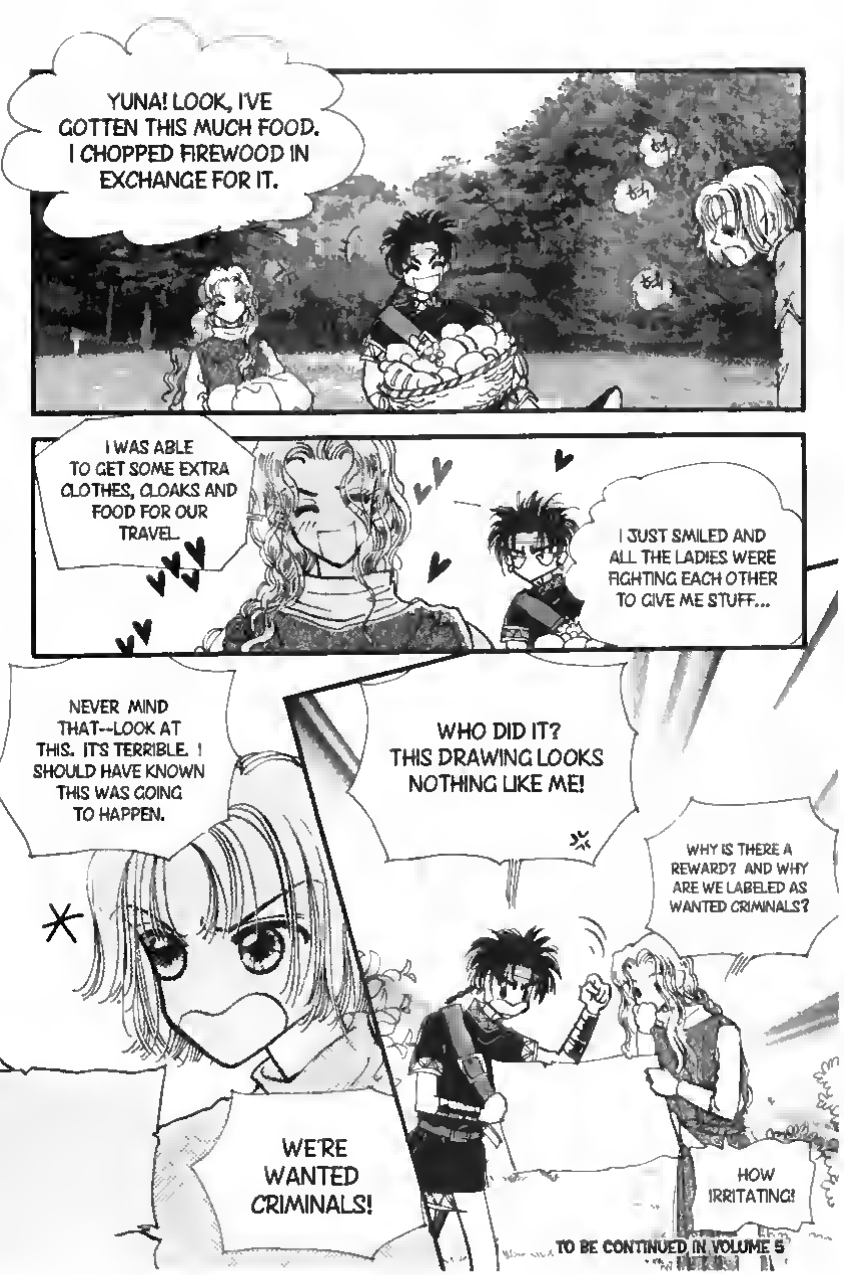
GASP
*Phantasmia's currency
THIS IS TERRIBLE! LEON AND SCHILLER ARE THERE, TOO...
WANTED CRIMINALS!!
!?
REWARD IS 1000 GURDENS *
LEON!
SCHILLER!


YUNA! LOOK, I'VE GOTTEN THIS MUCH FOOD. I CHOPPED FIREWOOD IN EXCHANGE FOR IT.
I WAS ABLE TO GET SOME EXTRA CLOTHES, CLOAKS AND FOOD FOR OUR TRAVEL.
I JUST SMILED AND ALL THE LADIES WERE FIGHTING EACH OTHER TO GIVE ME STUFF...
NEVER MIND THAT--LOOK AT THIS. IT'S TERRIBLE. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
WHO DID IT? THIS DRAWING LOOKS NOTHING LIKE ME!
WHY IS THERE A REWARD? AND WHY ARE WE LABELED AS WANTED CRIMINALS?
WE'RE WANTED CRIMINALS!
HOW IRRITATING!
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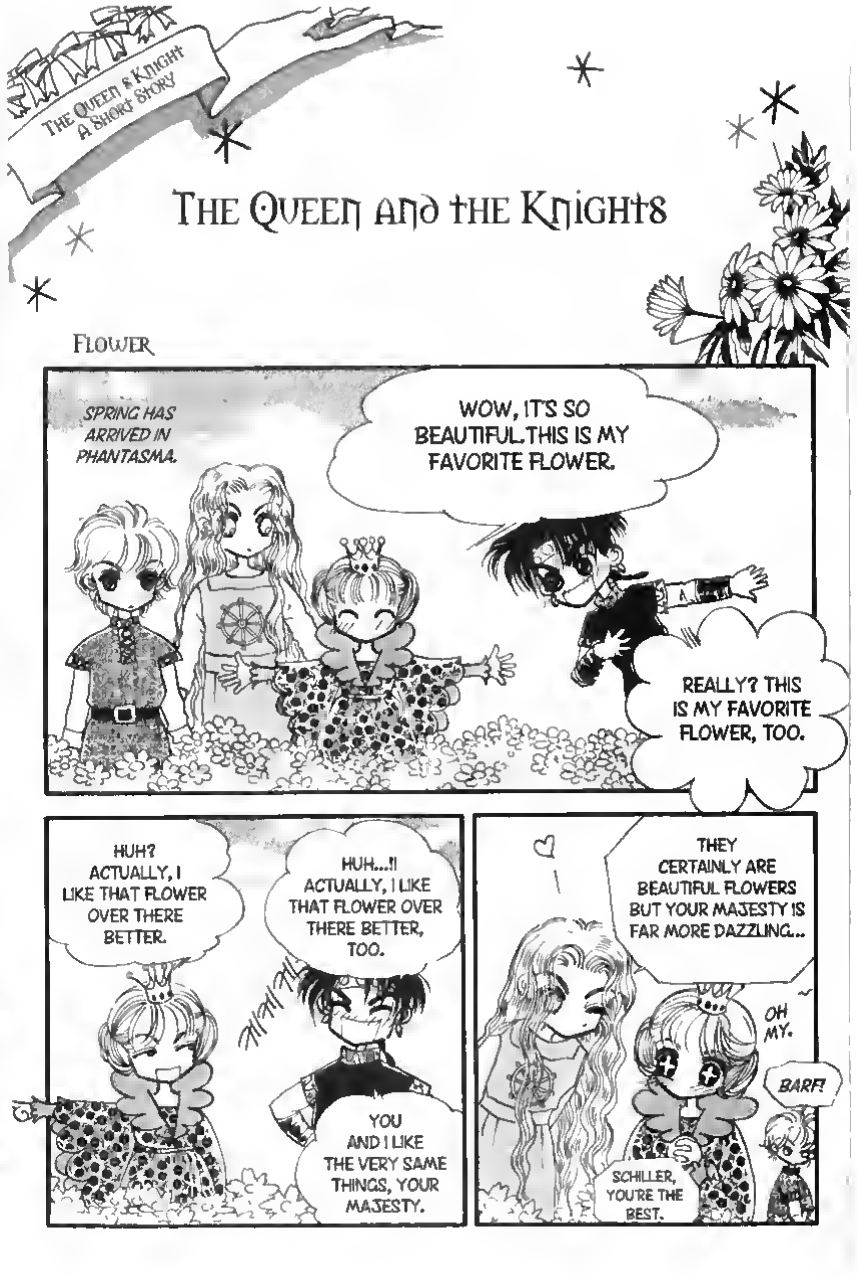
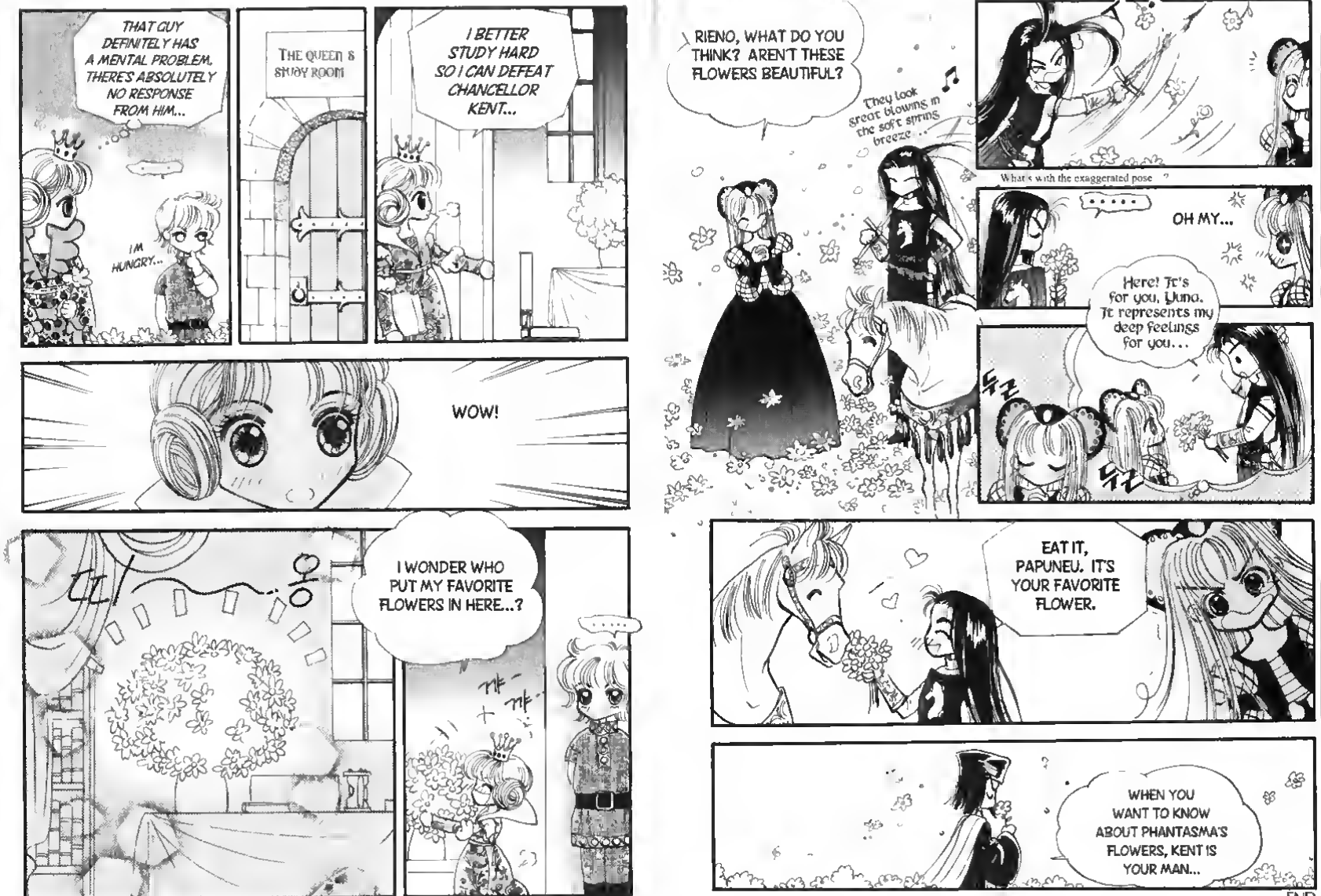

THE QUEEN & KNIGHT A SHORT STORY
THE QUEEN AND THE KNIGHTS
FLOWER
SPRING HAS ARRIVED IN PHANTASMA.
WOW, IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL. THIS IS MY FAVORITE FLOWER.
REALLY? THIS IS MY FAVORITE FLOWER, TOO.
HUH? ACTUALLY, I LIKE THAT FLOWER OVER THERE BETTER.
HUH...!! ACTUALLY, I LIKE THAT FLOWER OVER THERE BETTER, TOO.
YOU AND I LIKE THE VERY SAME THINGS, YOUR MAJESTY.
THEY CERTAINLY ARE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS BUT YOUR MAJESTY IS FAR MORE DAZZLING...
OH MY.
BARF!
SCHILLER, YOU'RE THE BEST.


THAT GUY DEFINITELY HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM. THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO RESPONSE FROM HIM...
I'M HUNGRY...
THE QUEEN'S STUDY ROOM
I BETTER STUDY HARD SO I CAN DEFEAT CHANCELLOR KENT...
WOW!
I WONDER WHO PUT MY FAVORITE FLOWERS IN HERE...?
RIENO, WHAT DO YOU THINK? AREN'T THESE FLOWERS BEAUTIFUL?
They look great blowing in the soft spring breeze...
OK!
What's with the exaggerated pose...?
OH MY...
Here! It's for you, Luna. It represents my deep feelings for you...
EAT IT, PAPUNEU. IT'S YOUR FAVORITE FLOWER.
WHEN YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT PHANTASMA'S FLOWERS, KENT IS YOUR MAN...
END

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